

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING
Board Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2024
239 North Lamar Street, Suite 301, Jackson, MS 39201

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Warren Rossi called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Sharon Clark provided a roll call with the following present:

Warren Rossi, President

Michael McBunch

Clelly Farmer

Linell Palmer, Jr.

Members absent:

Bennie Lee Adkins

Dr. Daniel Edney, State Health Officer

A quorum was present for voting purposes.

Others present were:

Catherine Bell, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board

Sharon Clark, Executive Director, Cosmetology Board

Ann Welch, Interim Executive Director, Barber Board

Ruby Lowery

Members of the public present.

2. INVOCATION

Mike McBunch provided the invocation.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was amended to include Executive Session as Item VIII.

Linell Palmer, Jr. moved to accept the agenda as amended. Clelly Farmer provided a second. The voice vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

4. BOARD TRAINING

Catherine Bell lead a training for the Board. No action was taken.

5. NABBA UPDATE

Mike McBunch provided an update from the NABBA conference including the introduction of a new edition of the Milady Textbook, discussion of national topics and trends, and the positive feedback provided to Mississippi in the creation of the new board wherein there is equal representation for both cosmetology and barbering professions. No action was taken.

6. BADGEPASS UPDATE

Ann Welch provided an update on the request for quotes. No action was taken.

7. RULE AND REGULATIONS DISCUSSION

Catherine Bell lead a discussion of the first draft of the proposed rules and regulations. Ms. Bell will revise several of the proposed rules based on the Board's discussion and present a second draft to the Board for continued review.

8. COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING COUNCIL MEETING

The Board moved to the twelfth floor to attend the Cosmetology and Barbering Council Meeting. No action was taken.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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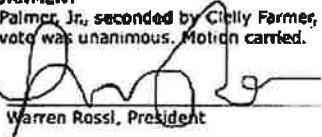
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