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Minutes for the Board Meeting
September 30, 2013
10:00 a.m.

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Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and presided over the meeting. The members present were: Floyd McDonald, Bobby Luster, Eric Williams, Tracy Smith, Kathy Linden, Clifford Pope and LaTaya Aaron. The office staff members present were Jodi Respass and Carol Reynolds. Bob McKee, Executive Director, was present. Elizabeth Sheehan from the Attorney General's Office was present as legal counsel. Alisa Williams with Lawson State, Birmingham was present as a visitor.

Mr. Pope gave the invocation. Roll call was taken.

Orson Steward had sent a letter requesting the Board Members consider allowing anyone who was in the process of becoming a master before 9/1/13 be allowed to have an apprentice. Mr. Pope made a motion to allow anyone who was in the process of becoming a master before 9/1/13 be allowed to complete the process to become a master and have an apprentice. Ms. Linden seconded. All ayes, the motion carried.

Question #1: What additional training does a cosmetologist instructor need to be qualified to teach barbers? Ms. Aaron made a motion that a cosmetologist instructor must learn to use a straight razor and complete 16 clock hours of training by a barber instructor in order to teach barbering. Ms. Smith seconded. Mr. McDonald voted yes. Mr. Luster voted yes. Mr. Williams voted yes. Ms. Smith voted yes. Mr. Linden voted yes. Mr. Pope voted yes. Ms. Aaron voted yes. The motion carried.

Question #2: What additional training does a barber instructor need to be qualified to teach cosmetology? This question was deferred to the next Board meeting.

Question #3: What additional training do barbers need either in school or as apprentices to become cosmetologists? Should they be required to take cosmetology exams? What additional training would barbers grandfather in under the new law need either in school or as apprentices to become cosmetologists? Should they be required to take cosmetology exams? Mr. Pope made a motion that if barbers have proof of a transcript that they attended barber school, they may sit for the cosmetology exams. Ms. Sheehan stated that all barbers should be allowed to sit for the exam or don't allow to go to cosmetology school. No second. The motion failed.

Ms. Smith made a motion that all barbers that are grandfathered in are required to take the written and practical exams to become cosmetologists by March 1, 2014. Mr. McDonald

seconded. Mr. McDonald made a motion that cosmetologists can sit for the barber exam by March 1, 2014. Ms. Linden seconded. Mr. McDonald voted yes. Mr. Luster voted yes. Mr. Williams voted yes. Ms. Smith voted yes. Mr. Linden voted yes. Mr. Pope voted yes. Ms. Aaron voted yes. The motion carried.

Question #4: May barbers who graduate from barber school in a county with a barber board or commission with 1,000 hours be accepted for licensure provided they take the proper barber exams? Should we be concerned with any disparity in curricula? (This was considered a moot point.)

Question #5: Can a person hold licenses as both a barber and a natural hairstylist? The Board's definition of hair stylist is "without cutting, coloring, permanent waving, relaxing, removing or chemical treatment to the natural hair."

Question #6: Can a Natural Hairstylist use a dryer, curling iron, etc. on the natural hair?

Question #7: Can a person hold licenses as both a barber and a cosmetologist?

Question #8: Can a person hold licenses as both a barber and manicurist?

Question #9: Can a person hold licenses as both a manicurist and eyebrow threader?

(Questions #5 through #9 were considered together) Mr. Luster made a motion that people may hold multiple licenses once they meet the Board's requirements for each license type. Mr. McDonald seconded. Mr. McDonald voted yes. Mr. Luster voted yes. Mr. Williams voted yes. Ms. Smith voted yes. Mr. Linden voted yes. Mr. Pope voted yes. Ms. Aaron voted yes. The motion carried.

Question #10: Can waxers tweeze to keep from double waxing eyebrows? The Board answered yes.

Question #11: Can threaders address facial hair in addition to eyebrows and tweeze? The Board answered no.

Question #12: How shall we treat licensees who intended to upgrade to masters and completed continuing education before September 1, 2013, but did not apply before September 1, 2013? Is there legal basis for issuing a master license after that date? What about a fee for this upgrade? (This matter was addressed by the Board at the beginning of the meeting.)

Question #13: How shall we treat esthetic students enrolled for a 1,500 hour course, and have completed at least 1,000 hours by September 1, 2013? Is there a problem with disparity of curriculum and financial aid? Ms. Smith stated that they should be allowed to sit for the test administered by the Board once they have completed 1,000 hours.

Question #14: Is there any problem for a private school which normally conducts hours on a clock hour basis but wishes to set a waxer curriculum on a credit hour basis? Ms. Sheehan stated that it's none of the Board's business, so long as the requirements are met.

