EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Florida Barbers’ Board

I. General Information

Meeting Type: General Business
Meeting Date: Monday, February 23, 2009
Meeting Location: Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Northwood Centre
Professions Board Room
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Attendees:
Herman White, Chair
Robert Collins
Julie Rivera
Edwin Stewart
Carl Troup, Vice Chair
Thomas Vaughn
Tim Vaccaro, Director, Division of Professions, Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)
John Washington, Director, Division of Regulation, DBPR
Charles Tunnicliff, Chief Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, DBPR
Robyn Barineau, Executive Director, DBPR
Carrol Cherry, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Phillip Monte, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DBPR
Dana Ewaldt, Government Analyst, DBPR
Kelly Torres, Psychometrician, Bureau of Education and Testing, DBPR
Letty Milazzo, ASM Beauty World Academy
Carol Collins
Suzette Bragg, Court Reporter
Other Interested Parties

II. Major Issues/Actions

- Chair Herman White introduced Ms. Julie Rivera as the newest member of the Florida Barbers’ Board.
- The board considered 31 endorsement applications, 43 disciplinary cases, and one continuing education provider and course application.
- Mr. Phillip Monte, Assistant General Counsel, informed the board that there are 101 barbering cases in the Office of the General Counsel as of February 16,
2009. The board agreed to allow Mr. Monte to continue handling the three year-old barber cases in the legal department.

- Ms. Robyn Barineau, Executive Director, informed the board that Senator Joyner recently filed legislation creating a barbering internship program. SB1566 provides the board with authority to develop rules for educational prerequisites, the number of interns a sponsor can supervise, and other requirements for internships. Ms. Barineau indicated that she would keep the board informed of the progress of the bill.

- Ms. Barineau asked the board to consider developing language similar to the Board of Cosmetology relating to pedicure equipment sterilization and disinfection. Such a rule would provide cosmetologists working in barbershops and who are offering pedicures to sterilize and disinfect foot spas after each patron, at the end of the business day, and at the end of the business week. It would also require that a pedicure log be maintained for each pedicure spa. The board agreed to discuss this matter in further detail at their May meeting.

- Ms. Barineau reported that as of September 30, 2008, the board’s operating account balance was $999,601 and their unlicensed activity account balance was $239,647. Ms. Barineau informed the board that the Legislature will sweep $80,000 and $65,000 from their operating and unlicensed activity accounts, respectively, for the current fiscal year. She added that even with the cash sweeps, the board should remain in a positive cash position for at least five years.

- Ms. Barineau informed the board of the unlicensed activity sweeps and stings that will take place this week across Florida. She will keep the board informed of the outcome of the unlicensed activity sweeps and stings.

- Ms. Barineau reminded the board of Governor Crist’s Accelerate Florida initiative. She added that the department is vigorously attempting to streamline as many processes as possible to avoid delaying individuals from working.

- The board approved the Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC) drafted by Ms. Barineau for Rule 61G3-21.012, Florida Administrative Code, which allows for the issuance of a notice of non-compliance to individuals who do not laminate their licenses as required by Rule 61G3-19.009, Florida Administrative Code.

- Ms. Kelly Torres, Psychometrician, Bureau of Education and Testing, informed the board that over the last three years, the written examination pass rate has increased by 20 percent. The practical examination pass rate has remained constant over the last three years. She added that the score reports have been updated to include the board’s recent amendment to their supervised practice exception rule.

- Chair White suggested that at the next practical examination standardization, there be a separate training session for lead examiners. He also suggested that examiner teams not examine more than eight candidates per examination administration.

- Ms. Barineau, Ms. Cherry and Mr. Monte conducted board member training.

- The next board meeting will be conducted on Monday, May 18, 2009, in Jacksonville, Florida.
III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Ms. Cherry will move forward with a Notice of Rule Development for language relating to pedicure equipment sterilization and disinfection in barbershops.

IV. Action Required

- Ms. Cherry will prepare all final orders and forward them to board staff for filing with the Department’s Agency Clerk.
- The board will discuss pedicure equipment sterilization and disinfection in barbershops at their May meeting.
- Ms. Barineau will keep the board informed of the progress of SB1566.
- Ms. Barineau will keep the board informed of the outcome of the stings and sweeps conducted by the Division of Regulation during the last week of February.
- The next practical examination standardization will include a separate training session for lead examiners.

Robyn Barineau
Executive Director
February 23, 2009