

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Florida Barbers' Board

I. General Information

Meeting Type: General Business Meeting
Meeting Date: Monday, May 17, 2010
Meeting Location: Department of Business and Professional
Regulation
Professions Board Room
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Attendees:

Herman White, Chair
Carl Troup, Vice Chair
Robert Collins
Julie Rivera
Edwin Stewart
Thomas Vaughn
Secretary Charlie Liem, Department of Business and Professional Regulation
(DBPR)
Maureen Olson, Deputy Secretary, DBPR
Robyn Barineau, Executive Director, DBPR
Rachel Clark, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Jason White, Assistant General Counsel, DBPR
Julie Rowland, Government Analyst, DBPR
Gus Ashoo, Chief, Bureau of Education and Testing (BET), DBPR
Alex Bosque, BET, DBPR
Kelly Torres, BET, DBPR
Suzanne Lee, BET, DBPR
Levern James, Central Intake Unit (CIU), DBPR
Nikita Norton, CIU, DBPR
Barbara Smith, CIU, DBPR
Jessica Scott, CIU, DBPR
Kenisha Walker, CIU, DBPR
Velvet Fitzgerald-Haynes, CIU, DBPR
Ross Nichelson, Instructor, Westside Technical Center
John Harrington, Administrator, North Florida Cosmetology Institute (NFCI)
Susan Shields, Instructor, NFCI
Peter De Toth, President, Paramount Institute of Hair, Skin and Nails
Carol Collins
Suzette Bragg, Court Reporter
Other interested parties

II. Major Issues/Actions

- Chair Herman White introduced and welcomed Interim Secretary Charlie Liem to the meeting. Secretary Liem commented on the rich heritage of the barbering industry. Secretary Liem informed the board that it was an honor to serve at the department. He expressed the positive strides made at the department in just a few years such as the reduction in hold times for customers calling the Customer Contact Center, and the length of time it takes to process and application. He thanked the board for their service and asked them to contact him with any questions or concerns.
- The board approved one endorsement application, approved 15 applications for licensure by examination, denied eight applications for licensure by examination, approved one continuing education provider application, and approved two continuing education course applications.
- The board considered 18 disciplinary cases.
- Mr. Jason White, Assistant General Counsel, informed the board that there were 118 barbering cases in the Office of the General Counsel as of April 19, 2010.
- Ms. Barineau reminded the board of the recent requirement for licensees to report a criminal conviction, according to Section 455.227(1)(t), Florida Statutes. The board approved language imposing penalties for late reporting of a criminal conviction. Ms. Rachel Clark, Assistant Attorney General, will proceed with rulemaking to incorporate these penalties into the board's disciplinary guidelines.
- Ms. Robyn Barineau, Executive Director, informed the board that the balance in their operating account as of December 31, 2009, was \$227,990, and the balance in their unlicensed activity account for the same period was \$175,744. She added that financial projections indicate that this board will maintain a positive cash balance through at least June 30, 2013.
- Mr. Michael Green, Unlicensed Activity Administrator, Division of Regulation, informed the board of some of the efforts of the department to combat unlicensed activity. He advised the board that there have been 15 unlicensed activity sweeps since July 2009; the toll-free unlicensed activity hotline is operated Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; regulation staff has addressed students at various barbering schools; and unlicensed activity advertisements have been placed in movie theaters and on various city buses. Mr. Green mentioned the board's request to create barbering pamphlets, and he solicited their ideas on the pamphlets. The board suggested highlighting a career in barbering, transfer of ownership/location of barbershops, when students can work, renewing a barber/barbershop license, and other regulatory elements. Mr. Green will draft a pamphlet for review by the board at their August meeting.
- Mr. Alex Bosque and Ms. Kelly Torres, Bureau of Education and Testing, addressed the board and informed them that the pass rates for full barbers have remained steady for the last two years. They added that the pass rate for restricted barbers has increased.

- The board approved the language drafted by Ms. Rachel Clark, Assistant Attorney General, calling for suspension of licenses in disciplinary cases when payment in full is not received within 30 days after the entry of a final order. She will proceed with rulemaking. The board agreed that this rule does not impact small business.
- Ms. Barineau reported the following future meeting dates and locations:
 - August 9, 2010 – Palm Beach
 - November 15, 2010 – Tampa
 - February 28, 2011 – Orlando
 - May 16, 2011 – Fernandina Beach

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Ms. Clark will move forward with rulemaking to incorporate the board's approved penalties for late reporting of criminal convictions into their disciplinary guidelines.
- Ms. Clark will move forward with rulemaking for language to be included in final order calling for suspension of licenses when payment in full is not received within 30 days after the entry of a final order.

IV. Action Required

- Ms. Clark will prepare all final orders and forward them to board staff for filing with the department's Agency Clerk.
- Mr. Green will develop a barbering pamphlet for review by the board at their August meeting.

Robyn Barineau
Executive Director
May 17, 2010