

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Monday, May 18, 2026

State Board of Barber Examiners
May 18, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Amber Derr, Chairperson, Professional Member
Charles Seright, Vice-Chair, Professional Member -
Absent
John Christopher, Professional Member
Haley Dull, Consumer Protection Member
Michael McAndrew, Professional Member
Stefan Holloway, Professional Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Michael P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel
Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of
Chief Counsel
Adrianne McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecution
Liaison
Valerie Trautwein, Board Administrator
J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
and Prosecution Liaison
William A. Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecution
Liaison
Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Office of Legislative
Affairs
Stephanie Dunkerly, Legal Analyst, Office of General
Counsel

ALSO PRESENT:

Erin Badstuebner, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

State Board of Barber Examiners

May 18, 2026

[Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
at 9:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
with Michael P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel, for
the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
deliberations on a number of matters currently
pending before the Board and to receive advice of
counsel. The Board returned to open session at 10:30
a.m.]

The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
Board of Barber Examiners was held on Monday, May 18,
2026.

Official Call to Order

[Amber Derr, Chairperson, Professional Member, called
the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.]

Roll Call of Attendance

[Valerie Trautwein, Board Administrator, provided a
roll call of Board members and attendees. A quorum
of Board members was present.]

[Michael P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the meeting was being recorded, and those who continued to participate were giving their consent to be recorded.]

Mr. Merten also noted the Board entered into Executive Session at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on a number of matters that are currently pending before the Board and to receive the advice of Counsel.]

Approval of Minutes of the March 16, 2026 meeting

MR. MERTEN:

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the draft Minutes from the March 16, 2026 meeting of the Board of Barber Examiners.

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. CHRISTOPHER:

Second, John Christopher.

Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye; John Christopher, aye; Haley Dull, abstain; Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan

1 Holloway, aye.

2 [The motion carried. Ms. Dull abstained from voting
3 on the matter.]

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5 Report of Board Prosecution

6 [Adrianne McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecution
7 Liaison, presented Agenda Item 3, Case No. 23-42-
8 000567.]

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10 [William A. Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecution
11 Liaison, presented Agenda Item 4, Case No. 24-42-
12 007732.]

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14 MR. MERTEN:

15 I believe the Board would entertain a
16 motion to accept the Consent Agreements
17 at Agenda Items 3 and 4.

18 CHAIR DERR:

19 Do I have a motion?

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

21 Claggett, so moved.

22 MR. CHRISTOPHER:

23 Second, John Christopher.

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25 Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;

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11 MR. MERTEN:

18 I believe the Board would
19 entertain a motion to grant the Motions
20 to Deem Facts Admitted and direct
21 Counsel to draft a Final Adjudication
22 and Order consistent with Executive
23 Session deliberations.

25 | Claggett, so moved.

1 MR. CHRISTOPHER:

2 Second, John Christopher.

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4 Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;
5 John Christopher, aye; Haley Dull, aye;
6 Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway,
7 aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MR. MERTEN:

11 We have one Proposed Adjudication and
12 Order at Agenda Item 7, Case No. 20-42-
13 009220, Christopher Rowe.

14 I believe the Board would
15 entertain a motion to adopt the
16 Proposed Adjudication and Order at
17 Agenda Item 7.

18 CHAIR DERR:

19 Do I have a motion?

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

21 Claggett, so moved.

22 MR. CHRISTOPHER:

23 Second, John Christopher.

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25 Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;

1 John Christopher, aye; Haley Dull, aye;
2 Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway,
3 aye.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 MR. MERTEN:

7 Nest we have a Final Adjudication and
8 Order at Agenda Item 8, Case No. 21-42-
9 016175, William C. Potts.

10 I believe the Board would
11 entertain a motion to adopt the
12 Adjudication and Order as presented by
13 Board Counsel and to direct Board
14 Counsel to prepare the Board's Final
15 Order for Agenda Item 8.

16 CHAIR DERR:

17 Do I have a motion?

18 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

19 Claggett, so moved.

20 MR. CHRISTOPHER:

21 Second, John Christopher.

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23 Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;
24 John Christopher, aye; Haley Dull, aye;
25 Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway,

1 aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MR. MERTEN:

5 Next, we have a Citation Appeal at
6 Agenda Item 9, Case No. 25-42-008963,
7 Continental Hairstyling Inc.

8 At this time, I believe the Board
9 would entertain a motion to dismiss the
10 appeal and uphold the citation.

11 CHAIR DERR:

12 Do we have a motion?

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 Claggett, so moved.

15 MR. CHRISTOPHER:

16 Second, John Christopher.

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18 Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;
19 John Christopher, aye; Haley Dull, aye;
20 Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway,
21 aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 Report of Regulatory Counsel - Regulatory Status
25 Report

1 [Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of
2 Chief Counsel, reported the Board had four open
3 regulations. He stated Regulation 16A-4212,
4 Licensure by Endorsement or Act 41, was close to the
5 finish line. He recapped the previous steps for the
6 regulation. He explained, because there had been no
7 public comments and Independent Regulatory Review
8 Commission (IRRC) did not have any comments, the
9 regulation was in line as deemed approved by IRRC
10 provided the final package was substantially the same
11 as the proposed package. He noted the Board had the
12 Final Annex and Preamble before them for
13 consideration.]

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15 MR. MERTEN:

16 I believe the Board would entertain a
17 motion to approve the Final Annex and
18 Preamble concerning Licensure by
19 Endorsement for Regulation 16A-4212.

20 CHAIR DERR:

21 Do I have a motion?

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 Claggett, so moved.

24 MR. CHRISTOPHER:

25 Second, John Christopher.

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Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;
John Christopher, aye; Haley Dull, aye;
Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway,
aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

[Mr. Farrell explained Regulation 16A-429, General
Revisions, was a priority to get to IRRC in 2026. He
noted the Board previously approved the Annex, and
Regulatory Counsel was preparing the remainder of the
package.

Regulation 16A-4210, Schedule of Civil Penalties,
and Regulation 16A-4213, Fees, were in similar
positions to the General Revisions. The Board
approved draft Annexes for both regulations. He
provided a reminder that the fee increases were
slated for implementation for the April 2028
renewal.]

Applications

MR. MERTEN:

All right. We have three Act 41
Endorsement Applications. At Agenda
Item 12, Application No. AA0006954244,

1 Stanislav Lylyk; Agenda Item 13,
2 Application No. AA0007030940, Shushan
3 Sarkisova; and Agenda Item 14,
4 Application No. AA0007058734, Juan
5 Pablo Santana.

6 I believe the Board, at this time,
7 would entertain a motion to approve
8 full Licensure by Endorsement for the
9 Applications of Agenda Items 12 through
10 14.

11 CHAIR DERR:

12 Do we have a motion?

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 Claggett, so moved.

15 MR. CHRISTOPHER:

16 Second, John Christopher.

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18 Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;
19 John Christopher, aye; Haley Dull, aye;
20 Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway,
21 aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MR. MERTEN:

25 Next, we have three Variance Requests

1 at Agenda Item 15, Application
2 AA0006971934, Orchard Plaza 211 Dioss;
3 Agenda Item 16, Application AA
4 0006977784, LUBL3NDZ and Agenda Item
5 17, Application AA0007006730, Taper
6 Cowboy Barbershop.

7 At this time, I believe the Board
8 would entertain a motion to
9 provisionally deny the Variance
10 Requests at Agenda Items 15 and 16.

11 CHAIR DERR:

12 Do we have a motion?

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 Claggett, so moved.

15 MR. CHRISTOPHER:

16 Second, John Christopher.

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18 Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;
19 John Christopher, aye; Haley Dull, aye;
20 Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway,
21 aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MR. MERTEN:

25 I believe the Board would further

1 entertain a motion to approve the
2 Variance Request at Agenda Item 17.

3 CHAIR DERR:

4 Do we have a motion?

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

6 Claggett, so moved.

7 MR. CHRISTOPHER:

8 Second, John Christopher.

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10 Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;
11 John Christopher, aye; Haley Dull, aye;
12 Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway,
13 aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report.

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18 Report of Acting Commissioner

19 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
20 Professional and Occupational Affairs, mentioned
21 Chair Derr previously requested to receive
22 information regarding the total amount of fines or
23 fees issued each year versus the amount actually
24 paid.

25 J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board

1 Prosecutor and Prosecution Liaison, reported
2 Prosecution was working on her request. He had to
3 have the software developer pull the information as
4 the current interface does not have the information
5 readily available.]

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7 Report of Board Administrator - No Report.

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9 Report of Committees - No Report.

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11 Public Comment - None.

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13 Board Member Comments

14 [John Christopher, Professional Member requested to
15 make brief comments. He commented that not having a
16 grace period for renewals was good as it made people
17 more accountable. He received calls from people who
18 did not renew on time. He added Ms. Trautwein was
19 very helpful in providing instructions on how to
20 assist people who were expired.

21 Regarding National Association of Barber Boards
22 of America (NABBA), Mr. Christopher mentioned the
23 executive director stated anyone on the Board was
24 welcome to attend the meeting. The request had been
25 made for people interested in attending the meeting

1 to register on NABBA's website as a delegate as soon
2 as possible.

3 Also from the national level, he shared a current
4 situation in Nebraska where a family inherited their
5 father's barber shop and turned it into a speakeasy.
6 The Nebraska barber board requested the family cease
7 and desist using barber pole advertising and
8 advertising of services due to it being a false form
9 of advertising. However, the family was suing the
10 Nebraska board with claims of freedom of speech. Mr.
11 Christopher was not sure of where the case would go
12 but wanted to bring it to the Board's attention in
13 case something similar happened in Pennsylvania.

14 Acting Commissioner Claggett asked who the Board
15 had voted to send to the NABBA meeting. Ms.
16 Trautwein replied Chair Derr and Mr. Seright had been
17 selected. Acting Commissioner Claggett noted, even
18 if other Board members chose to attend the meeting as
19 delegates, only the two Members selected by the Board
20 would receive reimbursement.

21 Ms. Trautwein commented on the Nebraska case,
22 noting there is a specific regulation in Pennsylvania
23 which states a barber shop cannot be shared in places
24 like restaurants and bars.]

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1 Adjournment

2 CHAIR DERR:

3 Okay. Then do I have a motion to call
4 this meeting adjourned?

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

6 Claggett, so moved.

7 MR. CHRISTOPHER:

8 Second, John Christopher.

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10 [There being no further business, the State Board of
11 Barber Examiners Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Barber Examiners meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Barber Examiners meeting.



Erin Badstuebner,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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10:30	Roll Call of Attendance
10:31	Approval of Minutes
10:32	Report of Prosecution
10:35	Report of Board Counsel
10:38	Report of Regulatory Counsel
10:43	Applications
10:46	Report of Acting Commissioner
10:47	Board Member Comments
10:52	Adjournment