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, September 21, 2026

State Board of Barber Examiners
September 21, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

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
Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Office of Legislative Affairs
Stephanie Dunkerly, Legal Analyst, Office of General Counsel
Adrianne E. Doll, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Ronald Rouse, Esquire, Senior Counsel, Office of General Counsel
Thomas Leech II, Business Licensing Division Chief

ALSO PRESENT:

Melissa Diehl, Multi-Unit Operations Manager, My Salon Suite
Randy Clause
Monica Foulds, District Manager, My Salon Suite
Chawntelle Tran, District Manager, My Salon Suite
Laurie Elliott, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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[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.]

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Barber Examiners was held on Monday, September 21, 2026.

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Official Call to Order

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

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[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.]

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Roll Call of Attendance

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

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Approval of Minutes of the May 18, 2026 meeting

MR. MERTEN:

Unless there are any suggested amendments to the minutes from last meeting, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2026 of the State Board of Barber Examiners meeting.

CHAIR DERR:

Do I have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. MCANDREW:

McAndrew, second.

Arion Claggett, abstain; Amber Derr, aye; Charles Seright, aye; Sabrina Anderjak, aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway, aye.

[The motion carried. Acting Commissioner Claggett abstained from voting on the motion.]

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Report of Board Prosecution

[Adrianne McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison presented Agenda Item 3, Case No. 26-42-006093.]

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[Adrianne E. Doll, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented Agenda Item 4, Case No. 26-42-004805.]

MR. MERTEN:

I believe that at this time, the Board would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agreements at Agenda Items 3 and 4, Case Nos. 26-42-006093 and 26-42-004805.

CHAIR DERR:

Do I have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. MCANDREW:

McAndrew, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye; Charles Seright, aye; Sabrina Anderjak, aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously. The Respondents are as follows: Agenda Item No. 3, Case No. 26-42-006093, Jose Nicolas Miguel; and Agenda Item No. 4, Case No. 26-42-004805, Ernest B. Martin.]

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Report of Board Counsel

MR. MERTEN:

On our Agenda today we have two Proposed Adjudications and Orders. At Agenda Item 5, Case No. 22-42-019026, Arthur Poole; and at Agenda Item 6, Case No. 24-42-016606, Robert Ryan Davidson.

I believe, at this time, the Board would entertain a motion to adopt the Proposed Adjudications and Orders at Agenda Items 5 and 6.

CHAIR DERR:

Do I have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. MCANDREW:

McAndrew, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye; Charles Seright, aye; Sabrina Anderjak, aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

Next, we have seven Final Adjudications and Orders. Agenda Item 7, Case No. 21-42-014290, Modern Clean Cutz I Inc.; Agenda Item 8, Case No. 22-42-003938, Juan Eustate; Agenda Item 9, Case No. 22-42-004732, Mario Manfredi; Agenda Item 10, Case No. 22-42-015453, Anthony Lane; Agenda Item 11, Case No. 24-42-015883, Solomon R. Hall Jr.; Agenda Item 12, Case No. 24-42-016335, Cory Clipz; and Agenda Item No. 13, Case No.

25-42-010820, Level Up Barber Shop.

At this time, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to adopt the Adjudications and Orders as presented by Board Counsel and to direct Board Counsel to prepare the Board's Final Order in the Cases at Agenda Items 7 through 13.

CHAIR DERR:

Do I have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. MCANDREW:

McAndrew, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye; Charles Seright, aye; Sabrina Anderjak, aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

We have one Motion to Deem Facts Admitted at Agenda Item No. 14, Case No. 20-42-007969, George Stokes Jr.

At this time, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to table this matter for the time being.

CHAIR DERR:

Do I have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. MCANDREW:

McAndrew, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye; Charles Seright, aye; Sabrina Anderjak, aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

We have a Petition to Serve by Publication at Agenda Item 15, Case No. 21-42-011495, Troy J. McCraw.

I believe, at this time, the Board would entertain a motion to grant the Petition to Serve by Publication at Agenda Item 15.

CHAIR DERR:

Do I have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. MCANDREW:

McAndrew, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye; Charles Seright, aye; Sabrina Anderjak, aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Regulatory Counsel

[Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, reported the Board technically had four open regulations. He stated Regulation 16A-4212, Act 41 Licensure by Endorsement, had received final approval from the Independent Regulatory Review Commission and was scheduled to be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on October 10, 2026. After the publication of 16A-4212, the Board will have three open packages, 16A-429, General Revisions; 16A-4213, Fees; and 16A-4210, Schedule of Civil Penalties.]

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Applications

MR. MERTEN:

All right. For applications, we have seven Act 41 Endorsement applications. At Agenda Item 17, Application No. AA0007222044, Areg Gevorgyan; Agenda Item 18, Application No. AA0007244070, Mykhailo Chynchyk; Agenda Item 19, Application No. AA0007260742, Kate Cazar; Agenda Item No. 20, Application No. AA0007262394, Mykhammadsharif Azizov; Agenda Item No. 21, Application No. AA0007264337, Armand Ponoci; Agenda Item No. 22, Application No. AA0007270486, Vladimir Arakelyan; and Agenda Item No. 23, Application No. AA0007306548, Ahmet Yagiz.

I believe, at this time, the Board would entertain a motion to provisionally deny the Applications of Agenda Items 17 and 18.

CHAIR DERR:

Do I have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. MCANDREW:

McAndrew, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye; Charles Seright, aye; Sabrina Anderjak, aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

I believe the Board would further entertain a motion to grant full licensure by endorsement to the Applications of Agenda Items 19, 20, 22, and 23.

CHAIR DERR:

Do I have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. MCANDREW:

McAndrew, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye; Charles Seright, aye; Sabrina Anderjak, aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

Finally for this section, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to grant provisional licensure to the Application at Agenda Item 21.

CHAIR DERR:

Do I have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. MCANDREW:

McAndrew, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye; Charles Seright, aye; Sabrina Anderjak, aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

Moving on to our variance requests. We have five of these; Agenda Item 24, Application No. AA0007159522, Drive There Fades Barbershop; Agenda Item 25,

Application No. AA0007254830, Wise Vision Premium Barber Studio (WY101); Agenda Item 26, Application No. AA0007255430, Screnci Studio; Agenda Item 27, Application No. AA0007265580, NC Barbershop LLC; and Agenda Item 28, Application No. AA0007313680, Legendary Beard Craft.

I believe, at this time, the Board would entertain a motion to table and issue discrepancy seeking further information the Application at Agenda Item 24.

CHAIR DERR:

Do I have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. MCANDREW:

McAndrew, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye; Charles Seright, aye; Sabrina Anderjak, aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

I believe the Board would further entertain a motion to provisionally deny the variance requests at Agenda Items 25 and 26.

CHAIR DERR:

Do I have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. MCANDREW:

McAndrew, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye; Charles Seright, aye; Sabrina Anderjak, aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

I believe the Board would further entertain a motion to grant the variance requests at Agenda Items 27 and 28.

CHAIR DERR:

Do I have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. MCANDREW:

McAndrew, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye; Charles Seright, aye; Sabrina Anderjak, aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

Moving on to our Reconsiderations, we have Agenda Item 29, Application No. AA0006787749, Artur Harutyunyan; and Agenda Item 30, Application No. AA0006910841, Adnane Moussaoui.

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to vacate the provisional denials and grant full licensure by endorsement to the Applications at Agenda Items 29 and 30.

CHAIR DERR:

Do I have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MR. MCANDREW:

McAndrew, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye; Charles Seright, aye; Sabrina Anderjak, aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; Stefan Holloway, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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Report of Committees - No Report

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Public Comment

[Chawntelle Tran, District Manager, My Salon Suite, stated she had someone applying to be a barber in My Salon Suite who was having some issues being approved. She asked if variances had to be approved at a meeting or if there was another way.

Mr. Merten explained variance requests are either sent to the Application Committee or, if close to a meeting, put directly on the Agenda. If sent to the committee, the request might be approved without going to the full Board. However, if the committee votes to deny a request, then the request goes to a Board meeting.]

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[Monica Foulds, District Manager, My Salon Suite, stated she was having similar issues with barbers being denied variances. She asked if she could receive input on why the denials were happening.

Mr. Merten replied he could not provide specifics as variances are on a case-by-case basis; however, applicants do receive provisional denial letters with information. He noted there tends to be misunderstandings between the square footage requirements for cosmetology salons and barber shops.

Ms. Foulds asked if things like lobbies, bathrooms, and hallways are considered as part of missing square footage.

Mr. Merten emphasized variance requests are on a case-by-case basis based on the Board's discretion with the circumstances of each applicant. He noted Ms. Foulds could reach out to himself or the Board

Administrator; however, they would not be able to provide additional information.]

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[Melissa Diehl, Multi-Unit Operations Manager, My Salon Suite, stated she had a similar question to the prior two speakers. She stated she had a salon suite where two barbers were approved variance requests and one was not approved. She noted the square footage of the physical suite was the same in all three cases. She asked why the third request was denied.

Mr. Merten could not discuss particular details with anyone but the applicant. He reiterated the decisions are individualized assessments based upon the particular shops and various factors. He noted the provisional denials would have the explanations and it would be up to the Board if they wanted to share additional reasoning for their decisions.

Acting Commissioner Claggett asked if it would be appropriate for the applicant to ask for an appeal and reference the two applicants approve with similar square footage. Mr. Merten agreed, noting with every provisional denial there is an opportunity for appeal.]

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Adjournment

CHAIR DERR:

At this time, I'd like to call this meeting adjourned.

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[There being no further business, the State Board of Barber Examiners Meeting adjourned at 10:57 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.



Laurie Elliott,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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