

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, January 27, 2025

State Board of Barber Examiners
January 27, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Amber Derr, Chairperson, Professional Member
Charles Seright, Vice Chair, Professional Member
Patrick Gavin, Secretary, Consumer Protection Member
Michael McAndrew, Professional Member
John Christopher, Professional Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
Michael P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel
William A. Newport, Esquire, Acting Board Prosecution
Liaison
Carlton Smith, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,
Prosecution Division
Riley Baker, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Sharona Evans, Board Administrator
Stephanie Dunkerley, Legal Analyst, Office of General
Counsel
Brooke Jones, Legal Extern, Department of State
Deena Parmelee, Legal Office Administrator 1,
Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Andrea
Lauren Gusherowski, Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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2 State Board of Barber Examiners

3 January 27, 2025

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

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board
15 of Barber Examiners was held on Monday, January 27,
16 2025. Amber Derr, Chairperson, Professional Member,
17 called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

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24 Pledge of Allegiance

25 [The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.]

Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

[Sharona Evans, Board Administrator, provided an introduction of Board members and attendees. A quorum of Board members was present.]

Approval of minutes of the November 25, 2024 meeting

MR. MERTEN:

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from the November 25, 2024 meeting.

CHAIR DERR:

Do I have a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

So moved.

MR. MERTEN:

Do we have a second?

MR. SERIGHT:

Second.

MS. EVANS:

Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye; Charles Seright, aye; Patrick Gavin, aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; John Christopher, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

Appointment - Annual Prosecution Report

[Carlton Smith, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,

Prosecution Division, presented the Annual

Prosecution Report. He reported 9,145 active

licensees for the State Board of Barber Examiners.

He noted 407 cases were opened in 2024, which is an

increase from 2023 by about 70 cases. He reported

287 cases are currently open and 365 cases were

closed.

Mr. Smith mentioned the average time to close a

case was 207 days in 2024 and was down from 2023 at

312 days, noting prosecution's goal is to close cases

within one year.

Mr. Smith reported 10 domestic relations

suspensions, 2 fines, 73 citations, 6 probations, 18

reinstatements, and 14 suspensions.

Mr. Smith addressed cases without discipline and

reported 72 prosecution not warranted cases, where

prosecution considers whether it has the evidence to

prove the case. He reported 9 complaints were

withdrawn in 2024 under Z05 and 2 Z08 violations

corrected.

Mr. Smith reported 92 warning letters, where

prosecution also looks at whether they can prove the

1 case, seriousness of the violation, and discipline
2 history. He also reported PStop instances, where a
3 licensee has been inactive for many years, but
4 prosecution received an alert from the Pennsylvania
5 Justice Network (JNET) that the person has been
6 charged with a crime.

7 Mr. Smith mentioned prosecution may not move
8 forward with formal charges because of the length of
9 time the person has been out of practice, but the
10 system makes a note of it, so prosecution could
11 pursue some form of discipline if they applied based
12 on whether there were any convictions.]

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14 Report of Prosecution - No Report

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16 Report of Board Counsel - Notice of Withdrawal of
17 Order to Show Cause

18 [Michael P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted
19 item 2 was withdrawn due to changes in Act 53.]

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21 Report of Board Counsel - Motion to Deem Facts

22 Admitted

23 MR. MERTEN:

24 Agenda item 3, Case No. 21-42-017061,
25 Major League Cuts. I believe the Board

1 would entertain a motion to grant the
2 Motion to Deem Facts Admitted with the
3 suggested civil penalty of \$2,500.

4 CHAIR DERR:

5 Do we have a motion?

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

7 So moved.

8 MR. SERIGHT:

9 Second.

10 MS. EVANS:

11 Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;
12 Charles Seright, aye; Patrick Gavin,
13 aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; John
14 Christopher, abstain.

15 [The motion carried. John Christopher abstained from
16 voting on the motion.]

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18 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Adjudication and
19 Order

20 MR. MERTEN:

21 Agenda item 4. I believe the Board
22 would entertain a motion at Case No.
23 19-42-017817, Jamal Washington, to
24 adopt the Proposed Adjudication and
25 order of the hearing examiner.

1 CHAIR DERR:

2 Do we have a motion?

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 So moved.

5 MR. SERIGHT:

6 Second.

7 MS. EVANS:

8 Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;

9 Charles Seright, aye; Patrick Gavin,

10 aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; John

11 Christopher, abstain.

12 [The motion carried. John Christopher abstained from
13 voting on the motion.]

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15 Report of Board Counsel - Applications - Act 41

16 Applications

17 MR. MERTEN:

18 Agenda item 5, Application No.

19 AA0005997047, Korbin Drake, I believe

20 the Board would entertain a motion to

21 deny the Application for Licensure by

22 Endorsement.

23 CHAIR DERR:

24 Do we have a motion?

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1 So moved.

2 MR. SERIGHT:

3 Second.

4 MS. EVANS:

5 Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;

6 Charles Seright, aye; Patrick Gavin,

7 aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; John

8 Christopher, abstain.

9 [The motion carried. John Christopher abstained from
10 voting on the motion.]

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12 MR. MERTEN:

13 Agenda item 6. I believe the Board
14 would entertain a motion at Application
15 No. AA0006022312, Angelo Dominguez, to
16 grant full Licensure by Endorsement.

17 CHAIR DERR:

18 Do we have a motion?

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

20 So moved.

21 MR. SERIGHT:

22 Second.

23 MS. EVANS:

24 Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;

25 Charles Seright, aye; Patrick Gavin,

1 aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; John
2 Christopher, abstain.

3 [The motion carried. John Christopher abstained from
4 voting on the motion.]

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6 [Michael P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
7 Board met in executive session today to engage in
8 quasi-judicial deliberations and to obtain the advice
9 of counsel.]

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11 Report of Board Counsel - Discussion Items - 2026

12 Meeting Dates

13 MR. MERTEN:

14 I believe the Board would entertain a
15 motion to accept the 2026 meeting dates
16 with the amendment that the November
17 date will be changed from November 23
18 to November 16.

19 CHAIR DERR:

20 Do we have a motion?

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 So moved.

23 MR. SERIGHT:

24 Second.

25 MS. EVANS:

1 Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;
2 Charles Seright, aye; Patrick Gavin,
3 aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; John
4 Christopher, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 Report of Board Counsel - Discussion Items - NABBA
8 Midwinter Conference Attendance

9 [Sharona Evans, Board Administrator, requested
10 approval for one of the Board members to attend the
11 National Association of Barber Boards of America's
12 Midwinter Conference in Las Vegas, NV, March 8-12,
13 2025.]

14 MR. MERTEN:

15 I believe the Board would entertain a
16 motion to send Amber Derr to the NABBA
17 Midwinter Conference.

18 CHAIR DERR:

19 Do we have a motion?

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

21 So moved.

22 MR. SERIGHT:

23 Second.

24 MS. EVANS:

25 Arion Claggett, aye; Amber Derr, aye;

1 Charles Seright, aye; Patrick Gavin,
2 aye; Michael McAndrew, aye; John
3 Christopher, aye.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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8 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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10 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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12 Adjournment

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 Motion to adjourn?

15 MR. MERTEN:

16 Do we have a motion?

17 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

18 So moved.

19 MR. SERIGHT:

20 Second?

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 The meeting is adjourned.

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24 [There being no further business, the State Board of
25 Barber Examiners Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.]

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.



Lauren Gusherowski,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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REFERENCE INDEX

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TIME	AGENDA
9:00	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:30	Official Call to Order
10:31	Pledge of Allegiance
10:31	Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
10:34	Approval of Minutes
10:34	Appointment - Annual Prosecution Report
10:41	Report of Board Counsel
10:50	Adjournment