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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 COSMETOLOGY**

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, February 9, 2026

1 State Board of Cosmetology

2 February 9, 2026

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5 BOARD MEMBERS:

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7 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
8 Professional and Occupational Affairs  
9 Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, Board Chair  
10 Sandra Jenkins, Vice Chair, Professional Member  
11 Nicole Weakland, Secretary  
12 Heather Kelly, Esquire, Deputy Attorney General,  
13 Consumer Protection Member - Absent  
14 Linda Iezzi, Professional Member  
15 Kristin Green, Professional Member  
16 Natalie McNeill, Professional Member  
17 Alexandria Lee, Public Member - Absent  
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20 BUREAU PERSONNEL:

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22 Michael P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel  
23 Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel  
24 Riley Baker, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
25 Valerie (Eaton) Trautwein, Board Administrator  
26 Thomas Leech II, Esquire, Administrative Officer  
27 Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,  
28 Prosecution Division  
29 Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, Office of  
30 Chief Counsel, Department of State  
31 J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
32 and Prosecution Liaison  
33 Emyline Breckenridge, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
34 Liliana Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
35 Adrienne McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
36 William Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
37 Stephanie Dunkerley, Legal Analyst, Office of General  
38 Counsel  
39 Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Office of Legislative  
40 Affairs  
41 Ronald Rouse, Esquire, PA Office of General Counsel  
42 Taylor Koch, Fiscal Chief, Bureau of Finance and  
43 Procurement  
44 Tamie Laudenslager, Fiscal Management Specialist,  
45 Bureau of Finance and Procurement, Department of  
46 State  
47 Danie Bendesky, Special Assistant for Strategic  
48 Initiatives, Department of State  
49 Deena Parmelee, Legal Office Administrator  
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February 9, 2026

ALSO PRESENT:

Leyna Koepke  
Melissa Metzger  
Olivia Dyer  
Grace Huff  
Rylee Taylor  
Tram Bui, Frost and Conn Insurance  
Chris Lammando, Vice President, Gmerek Government  
Relations Inc.  
Erin Badstuebner, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,  
Inc.

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2 State Board of Cosmetology

3 February 9, 2026

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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 Michel 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 the 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  
15 Board of Cosmetology was held on Monday, February 9,  
16 2026. Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, Board Chair, called the  
17 meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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19 Roll Call/Introduction of Attendees

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

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24 [Michel P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the  
25 meeting was being recorded and voluntary

1 participation constituted consent to be recorded.

2 Mr. Merten also noted, in accordance with the  
3 Sunshine Act, the Board entered into Executive  
4 Session at 9:00 a.m. and conducted quasi-judicial  
5 deliberations with the advice of counsel.]

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7 Approval of Minutes of December, 2025

8 MR. MERTEN:

9 I believe the Board would entertain a  
10 motion to approve the draft minutes  
11 from the December 8, 2025 meeting.

12 MS. IEZZI:

13 So moved, Linda Iezzi.

14 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

15 Claggett, second.

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17 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
18 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole  
19 Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;  
20 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,  
21 aye; Alexandria Lee, abstain.

22 [The motion carried. Alexandria Lee abstained from  
23 voting on the motion.]

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25 Report of Prosecution

1 [Adrienne McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
2 presented the Consent Agreements for Agenda Item 2,  
3 Case No. 24-45-010581; and Agenda Item 3, 25-45-  
4 012677.]

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6 [Emyline Breckenridge, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
7 presented the Consent Agreements for Agenda Item 4,  
8 Case No. 23-45-000777; and Agenda Items 5, 24-45-  
9 001736.]

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11 [Riley Baker, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented  
12 the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No. 6, Case No.  
13 24-45-017755.]

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15 [William Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,  
16 presented the Consent Agreements for Agenda Item No.  
17 7, Case No. 25-45-017919; and Agenda Item No. 8, Case  
18 No. 25-45-018517.]

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20 MR. MERTEN:

21 I believe the Board would entertain a  
22 motion to accept the Consent Agreements  
23 at Agenda Items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

24 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

25 Is there a motion?

1 MS. IEZZI:

2 I make that motion.

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 Claggett, second.

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6 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
7 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole  
8 Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;  
9 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,  
10 aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondents'  
12 names are as follows: Item No. 2, Case No. 24-45-  
13 010581, Kim S. Truong; Item No. 3, Case No. 25-45-  
14 012677, Mickey Nails & Spa; Item No. 5., Case No. 24-  
15 45-001736, Nichole M. Tramutola; Item No. 6, Case No.  
16 24-45-017755, Sun Yong Song; Item No. 7, Case No. 25-  
17 45-017919, Royal Nails; and Item No. 8, Case No. 22-  
18 45-018517, 2000 Nails.]

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20 MR. MERTEN:

21 I believe the Board would entertain a  
22 motion to reject as too lenient the  
23 Consent Agreement at Agenda Item No. 4.

24 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

25 Is there a motion?

1 MS. IEZZI:

2 I make that motion, Linda Iezzi.

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 Claggett, second.

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6 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
7 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole  
8 Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;  
9 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,  
10 aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudication and  
14 Order

15 MR. MERTEN:

16 We have three Final Adjudications and  
17 Orders for the Board's consideration.  
18 Agenda Item 9, Case No. 24-45-019343,  
19 Selena Chantel Clark; Agenda Item 10,  
20 Case No. 24-45-018354, Whitney J.  
21 Laven; and Agenda Item 11, Case Nos.  
22 24-45-006520 and 25-45-006521, Time For  
23 Me Nails and Spa, LLC t/d/b/a Time For  
24 Me Nails and Spa.

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I believe the Board would

1 entertain a motion to adopt the  
2 Adjudication and Orders as presented by  
3 Board Counsel and to direct Board  
4 Counsel to prepare the Board's Final  
5 Orders in the matters at Agenda Items 9  
6 through 11.

7 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

8 Do we have a motion?

9 MS. IEZZI:

10 I make that motion, Linda Iezzi.

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

12 Claggett, second.

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14 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
15 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole  
16 Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;  
17 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,  
18 aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Report of Board Counsel - Motion to Deem Facts

22 Admitted

23 MR. MERTEN:

24 On to the Motions to Deem Facts

25 Admitted, we have three. Agenda Item

1 12, Case No. 22-45-005850, Bella  
2 Barrita Bar and Salon; Agenda Item 13,  
3 Case No. 22-45-017775, Mark Joseph  
4 Ferrese; and Agenda Item 14, Case No.  
5 22-45-017466, Randee L. Milam.

6 I believe the Board would  
7 entertain a motion to grant the Motions  
8 to Deem Facts Admitted at Agenda Items  
9 12 through 14.

10 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

11 Do we have a motion?

12 MS. IEZZI:

13 I make that motion, Linda Iezzi.

14 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

15 Claggett, second.

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17 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
18 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole  
19 Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;  
20 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,  
21 aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Adjudication &  
25 Order

1 MR. MERTEN:

2 We have two Proposed Adjudications and  
3 Orders. Agenda Item 15, Case No. 23-  
4 45-008833, Shatayzha U. Hollingsworth;  
5 and Agenda Item 16, Case No. 25-45-  
6 002085, JP Nails.

7 I believe the Board would  
8 entertain a motion to reject the  
9 Proposed Adjudication and Order and  
10 direct Counsel to draft Adjudication  
11 and Order consistent with Executive  
12 Session deliberations for Agenda Item  
13 15.

14 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

15 Do we have a motion?

16 MS. IEZZI:

17 I make that motion, Linda Iezzi.

18 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

19 Claggett, second.

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21 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
22 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole  
23 Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;  
24 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,  
25 aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MR. MERTEN:

4 I believe the Board would  
5 entertain a motion to adopt the  
6 Proposed Adjudication and Order for  
7 Agenda Item 16.

8 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

9 Do we have a motion?

10 MS. IEZZI:

11 I make that motion, Linda Iezzi.

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13 Claggett, second.

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15 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
16 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole  
17 Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;  
18 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,  
19 aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 Applications - Act 41/Endorsement

23 MR. MERTEN:

24 Moving on to our Applications, we have  
25 several Act 41 Endorsement

1 Applications. Agenda Item 17,  
2 Application No. AA0006508964, Yuliia  
3 Mlynyska; Agenda Item 18, Application  
4 No. AA0006539195, Hanna Zhydok; Agenda  
5 Item 19, Application No. AA0006732078,  
6 Thi Kim Oanh Gnuyen; Agenda Item 20,  
7 Application No. AA0006784840, Aruzhan  
8 Tustibkbayeva; Agenda Item 21,  
9 Application No. AA0006813886, Tamar  
10 Turashvili; Agenda Item 22, Application  
11 No. AA0006828766, Nune Dvtyan; Agenda  
12 Item 23, Application No. AA0006834520,  
13 Viktoriia Vasylieva; and Agenda Item  
14 24, Application No. AA0006835219,  
15 Natalia Dzerzhynska.

16 I believe the Board would  
17 entertain a motion to grant full  
18 Licensure by Endorsement for Agenda  
19 Items 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24.

20 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

21 Do we have a motion?

22 MS. IEZZI:

23 I make that motion, Linda Iezzi.

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

25 Claggett, second.

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Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-

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Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole

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Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;

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Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,

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aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

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[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

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I believe the Board would entertain a

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motion to provisionally deny the Act 41

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Application at Agenda Item 19.

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CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

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Do we have a motion?

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MS. IEZZI:

16

I make that motion, Linda Iezzi.

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ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

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Claggett, second.

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Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-

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Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole

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Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;

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Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,

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aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

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[The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 MR. MERTEN:

3 We have one Application for  
4 Examination, Agenda Item 25,  
5 Application No. AA00065357206, Whitney  
6 Ravenell.

7 I believe the Board would  
8 entertain a motion to approve this  
9 Applicant for examination.

10 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

11 Do we have a motion?

12 MS. IEZZI:

13 I make that motion, Linda Iezzi.

14 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

15 Claggett, second.

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17 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
18 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole  
19 Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;  
20 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,  
21 aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 Report of Board Counsel - Variance Requests

25 MR. MERTEN:

1 We have three Variance Requests at  
2 Agenda Item 26, Application No.  
3 AA0006762350, Lioness Esthetics; Agenda  
4 Item 27, Application No. AA0006769525,  
5 So Beauty PGH; and Agenda Item 28,  
6 Application No. AA0006785392, Meraki  
7 Hair.

8 I believe the Board would  
9 entertain a motion to approve the  
10 Variance Requests at Agenda Items 26  
11 and 28.

12 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

13 Do we have a motion?

14 MS. IEZZI:

15 I make that motion, Linda Iezzi.

16 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

17 Claggett, second.

18  
19 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
20 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole  
21 Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;  
22 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,  
23 aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 MR. MERTEN:

2 I believe the Board would entertain a  
3 motion to provisionally deny the  
4 Variance Request at Agenda Items 27.

5 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

6 Do we have a motion?

7 MS. IEZZI:

8 I make that motion, Linda Iezzi.

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

10 Claggett, second.

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12 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
13 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole  
14 Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;  
15 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,  
16 aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 Report of Regulatory Counsel

20 [Michael Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed the  
21 Board that Marc Farrell, Esquire, will now be this  
22 Board's Regulatory Counsel. There was no report.]

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24 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report.

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1 Report of Board Members

2 [Linda Iezzi, Professional Member, noted prior  
3 discussion about remote locations for Board meetings.  
4 She stated the Director at the Central Westmoreland  
5 Career and Technology Center (CWCTC) offered the  
6 facility for a Board meeting. Ms. Iezzi suggested  
7 this location for the Board's October 2026 meeting.

8 Acting Commissioner Claggett stated the October  
9 26, 2026 meeting date would work. He discussed  
10 participation by the Board members at a remote  
11 location.]

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13 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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15 Report of Board Administrator - Vote of Board  
16 Officers & App Committee

17 MR. MERTEN:

18 Do we have any nominations for the  
19 position of Board Chair?

20 MS. JENKINS:

21 I respectfully nominate Jennifer  
22 D'Amato-Dow for Chair based on our  
23 experience and judgment and  
24 collaborative leadership.

25 MR. MERTEN:

1 Do you accept the nomination?

2 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

3 Yes. I do.

4 MR. MERTEN:

5 Are there any other nominations?

6 Hearing no other nominations for  
7 the position of Board Chair, Val, could  
8 you please do a roll call vote?

9

10 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
11 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole  
12 Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;  
13 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,  
14 aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MR. MERTEN:

18 Are there any nominations for the  
19 position of Vice Chair?

20 MS. WEAKLAND:

21 I nominate Sandra Jenkins.

22 MR. MERTEN:

23 Ms. Jenkins, do you accept the  
24 nomination?

25 MS. JENKINS:

1 I accept.

2 MR. MERTEN:

3 Are there any other nominations for the  
4 position of Vice Chair?

5 Hearing none, could you please do  
6 a roll call vote on Sandra Jenkins as  
7 Vice Chair?

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9 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
10 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole  
11 Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;  
12 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,  
13 aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MR. MERTEN:

17 Do we have any nominations for the  
18 position of Board Secretary?

19 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

20 I nominate Nicole Weakland.

21 MR. MERTEN:

22 Nicole, do you accept your nomination?

23 MS. WEAKLAND:

24 I accept.

25 MR. MERTEN:

1 Are there any other nominations for the  
2 position of Board Secretary?

3 Hearing none, could you please do  
4 a roll call vote to install Nicole  
5 Weakland as Board Secretary?

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7 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
8 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole  
9 Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;  
10 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,  
11 aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 [The following members were appointed to the App  
15 Committee: Linda Iezzi, Kristin Green, and Sandra  
16 Jenkins.]

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18 [Valerie Trautwein, Board Administrator, noted the  
19 following 2027 meetings dates for vote on by the  
20 Board: February 1, April 12, June 21, August 16,  
21 October 18, and November 29.]

22 MR. MERTEN:

23 I believe the Board would entertain a  
24 motion to accept the proposed 2027  
25 meeting dates as presented by our Board

1 Administrator, Valerie Trautwein.

2 MS. IEZZI:

3 I make that motion, Linda Iezzi.

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

5 Claggett, second.

6

7 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-

8 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole

9 Weakland, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye;

10 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,

11 aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 Presentation - Prosecution Report

15 [Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,

16 Prosecution Division, explained the Bureau of

17 Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) provides

18 administrative and legal support to the 29

19 professional and occupational licensing boards and

20 commissions within the department. The Office of

21 Chief Counsel Prosecution Division works with its

22 investigative (BEI) and compliance arms (PCO) who

23 receive complaints, investigate allegations, and

24 enforce compliance with the acts and regulations that

25 govern the boards and commissions. She stated the

1 Prosecution Division consists of about 40 attorneys,  
2 including five senior prosecuting attorneys.

3 Ms. Walter stated the prosecution process always  
4 begins with a complaint either from the public or by  
5 Board referral. She reported, in 2025, the  
6 department received approximately 23,000 total  
7 complaints for all boards. Ms. Walter provided an  
8 overview of the investigative process in which the  
9 complaint moves through several levels of review. A  
10 charging decision is made. The respondent may elect  
11 to engage in the hearing process or enter into a  
12 Consent Agreement. She noted the primary role of  
13 prosecution at Board meetings is to present Consent  
14 Agreements to the Board.

15 Ms. Walter explained the Bureau of Enforcement  
16 and Investigation conducts interviews and/or  
17 inspections to obtain evidence. After the  
18 investigative process, the evidence is reviewed by  
19 the prosecuting attorney to determine if there are  
20 any violations of the act or regulations, how  
21 sufficient the evidence is and determine if  
22 additional files need to be opened. She stated, if a  
23 violation is suspected the available options include  
24 revocation, suspension, probation, public reprimand,  
25 civil penalty, remedial education, and cost of

1 investigation. She added all investigations are  
2 confidential and are not subject to right-to-know  
3 requests.

4 Ms. Walters shared, in 2025, there were 17,354  
5 cases opened and 19,131 cases closed, up  
6 significantly from 2024. Specifically for this  
7 Board, she reported 1,906 cases were opened with  
8 1,939 cases closed, which took less than year. The  
9 disposition of closed cases included 75 civil  
10 penalties and 348 citations. 99 cases resulted in a  
11 license restriction. There were 638 warning letters  
12 issued, and 127 instances where a license was granted  
13 or restored or reinstated in some way. Currently,  
14 there were 140,146 licenses. At the beginning of the  
15 year, there were 1,171 open cases.]

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17 Public Comment

18 [Leyna Koepke questioned the Board regarding Section  
19 11 and getting rid of the practical. Mr. Merten  
20 stated it had been a legislative decision, not a  
21 decision made by the Board. Any questions regarding  
22 the removal of the practical exam requirements would  
23 have to be submitted to legislature.]

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25 [Melissa Metzger questioned why Section 5 was

1 declared unconstitutional with regard to limited  
2 license. Mr. Merten stated it was a publicly  
3 accessible court case that can be googled. The  
4 decision was made in 2023. He noted the link on the  
5 Board's webpage with regard to this decision.]

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7 [Olivia Dyer requested information on regulations  
8 regarding where laundry can be done in a home or a  
9 public laundromat for an in-home salon. Mr. Merten  
10 stated the Board cannot interpret the regulations of  
11 the act. He encouraged Ms. Dyer to refer to the  
12 regulations.]

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14 [Grace Huff questioned whether a list had been  
15 created for services that estheticians are not  
16 permitted to do, like microdermabrasion. Mr. Merten  
17 stated a list has not been created. A regulation  
18 must be put in place.]

19 \*\*\*

20 [Kristin Green discussed the license renewal of a  
21 colleague that was due January 31, which was a  
22 Saturday, and initiated their renewal on Monday,  
23 February 2, without getting a fine. Acting  
24 Commissioner Claggett explained there is an internal  
25 grace period for renewals submitted on the last

1 renewal date.]

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3 [Rylee Taylor questioned, since there are licensed  
4 nail and esthetician teachers, whether there will be  
5 apprentice programs. Mr. Merten stated that would  
6 require a legislative change.]

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8 Presentation - Board Financial Report

9 [Tamie Laudenslager, Fiscal Management Specialist,  
10 Bureau of Finance and Procurement, presented the  
11 Board's annual financial report. She noted a bar  
12 graph listing of the renewable license counts for the  
13 past six years, 2020 to 2025. The 11 classes of  
14 licenses was listed for the past four years. The  
15 first biennial license period, 2022-2023, reflected  
16 an average total of 129,294 licenses. For the 2024-  
17 2025 biennial license period, there was an average  
18 total of 132,401. She explained the license classes  
19 renew in January. The current total licenses were  
20 127,553, noting a reduction in the license counts to  
21 date.

22 Ms. Laudenslager reviewed the fees for the  
23 different license classes and counts, noting the  
24 renewals in the odd and even years. The Board's last  
25 fee increase was in 2022.

1 She reviewed a list of definitions for revenue by  
2 source. Ms. Laudenslager discussed the Board's  
3 revenue by source, noting the bulk of its revenue  
4 comes from renewals and applications. Renewals were  
5 86.7%, and applications were 8.9%. She noted the  
6 breakdowns of the current and projected biennial  
7 revenue.

8 Ms. Laudenslager noted the cost category  
9 definitions. She reviewed the three different types  
10 of expenses for the Board: Timesheet based, direct  
11 charges, and license population. The estimated  
12 expenses were broken down biennially for the Board's  
13 review. She explained the increase in the current  
14 biennial period due to ongoing licensure system  
15 monetization.

16 Ms. Laudenslager reviewed the Board's current  
17 financial status, noting the past actual and  
18 projected figures for 2022 through 2033. She noted  
19 the Board's expenses are exceeding its revenue,  
20 therefore cutting into the available restricted  
21 funds.

22 Ms. Laudenslager stated another presentation will  
23 be provided in the summer to update the Board on its  
24 financial status.]

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1 Adjournment

2 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

3                   No questions, we will adjourn.

4 MS. IEZZI:

5                   I make that motion to adjourn.

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

7                   Claggett, second.

8 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

9                   We are adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

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11 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
12 Cosmetology Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

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



Erin Badstuebner,

Minute Clerk

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TIME	AGENDA
9:00	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:30	Official Call to Order
10:31	Roll Call of Attendance
10:32	Approval of Minutes
10:33	Report of Board Prosecution
10:43	Report of Board Counsel
10:51	Report of Regulatory Counsel
10:54	Report of Acting Commissioner
10:59	Presentations
11:16	Public Comment
11:25	Adjournment

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