

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, June 8, 2026

State Board of Cosmetology
June 8, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, Chairperson
Sandra Jenkins, Vice Chairperson
Nicole Weakland, Secretary
Heather Kelly, Esquire, Deputy Attorney General,
Consumer Protection Member
Kristin Green, Professional Member
Linda Iezzi, Professional Member - Absent
Natalie McNeill, Professional Member
Alexandria Lee, Public Member - Absent

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Michael P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel
Addie Abelson, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel
Adrianne McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecution
Liaison
Thomas Leech II, Esquire, Business Licensing Division
Chief
Valerie Trautwein, Board Administrator
J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
Emyline Breckenridge, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Adrianne E. Doll, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
William Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Stephanie Dunkerley, Legal Analyst, Office of General
Counsel
Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Office of Legislative
Affairs
Robert Beecher, Deputy Policy Director, Office of
Policy
Alexa Davies

ALSO PRESENT:

Aaron Shenck, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic
Association of Career Schools
Debbie Eckstine Weidner, Supervisor, Derielle
Cosmetology Academy
Kyle Rivers, GGR, Gmerck Government Relations, Inc.
Lorrayne Johnson, Licensed Esthetician, Hand & Stone
Massage and Facial Spa
Tanya Greene, Applicant
Derek Richmond, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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2 State Board of Cosmetology

3 June 8, 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, June 8,
16 2026. Sandra Jenkins, Vice Chairperson, called the
17 meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Acting Chair Jenkins
18 noted she would act as Chair due to Chair D'Amato-
19 Dow's technical difficulties.

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21 [Michel P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
22 meeting was being recorded and voluntary
23 participation constituted consent to be recorded.

24 Mr. Merten also noted, in accordance with the
25 Sunshine Act, the Board entered into Executive

1 Session at 9:00 a.m. and conducted quasi-judicial
2 deliberations with the advice of counsel.]

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4 Roll Call/Introduction of Attendees

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

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9 Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2026

10 ACTING CHAIR JENKINS:

11 Okay. Our first order of business is
12 the approval of the draft minutes from
13 the April 27, 2026 Board meeting.

14 Are there any corrections of
15 amendments to the minutes as
16 distributed?

17 MR. MERTEN:

18 So at this time, I believe the Board
19 would entertain a motion to approve the
20 draft minutes from the April 27, 2026
21 Board meeting of the State Board of
22 Cosmetology.

23 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

24 Claggett, so moved.

25 MS. GREEN:

1 Kristin Green, second.

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3 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-
4 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
5 Weakland, aye; Heather Kelly, aye;
6 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,
7 aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Report of Prosecutorial Division

11 [Adrienne E. Doll, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
12 presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.
13 3, Case No.23-45-015585.]

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15 [Emyline Breckenridge, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
16 presented the Consent Agreements for Agenda Item No.
17 4, Case No. 23-45-000546; and Agenda Item No. 5, Case
18 No. 25.45-013220.]

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20 [J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board
21 Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for
22 Agenda Item No. 6, Case No. 25-45-005317.]

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24 [William Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,
25 presented the Consent Agreements for Agenda Item No.

1 7, Case No. 24-45-000445 and 24-45-000486; Agenda
2 Item No. 8, Case No. 24-45-004657; and Agenda Item 9,
3 Case No. 25-45-004711.]

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5 MR. MERTEN:

6 I believe the Board would entertain a
7 motion to approve the Consent
8 Agreements at Agenda Items 3 through 8.

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

10 Claggett, so moved.

11 MS. GREEN:

12 Kristin Green, second.

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

19 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondents'
20 names are as follows: Item No. 3, Case No. 23-45-
21 015585, Zigui Zheng; Item No. 4, Case No. 23-45-
22 000546, Top 1 Nails; Item No. 5, Case No. 25-45-
23 013220, Veronica Marie Dunbar; Item No. 6, Case No.
24 25-45-005317, Chantele Mariah Sanchez; Item No. 7,
25 Case No. 24-45-000445 and 24-45-000486, Jennifer

1 Darby and Salon J Moirai; and Item No. 8, Case No.
2 25-45-004711, Unique Hartique.]

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4 MR. MERTEN:

5 I believe the Board would further
6 entertain a motion to approve the
7 Consent Agreement at Agenda Item 9,
8 provided Prosecution provides those
9 corrections to the dates that were
10 mentioned in the presentation.

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

12 Claggett, so moved.

13 MS. GREEN:

14 Kristin Green, second.

15
16 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-
17 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
18 Weakland, aye; Heather Kelly, aye;
19 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,
20 aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent at
22 Item No. 9, Case No. 25-45-004711, is So Fancy Hair
23 Salon.]

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25 Report of Board Counsel

1 MR. MERTEN:

2 We have a couple Motions to Deem Facts
3 Admitted. We have four of these:
4 Agenda Item 10, Case No. 23-45-016335,
5 Magic Nails & Spa; Agenda Item 11, Case
6 No. 23-45-017936, Massiel Lora; Agenda
7 Item 12, Case No. 24-45-004054,
8 Juliette's Nails and Spa; and Agenda
9 Item 13, Case Nos. 25-45-014925 and 25-
10 45-014926, Millennium Nail.

11 I believe the Board would
12 entertain a motion to grant the Motion
13 to Deem Facts Admitted and to direct
14 Counsel to draft Final Adjudications
15 and Orders consistent with Executive
16 Session deliberations for Agenda Items
17 10 to 13.

18 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

19 Claggett, so moved.

20 MS. GREEN:

21 Kristin Green, second.

22
23 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-
24 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
25 Weakland, aye; Heather Kelly, aye;

1 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,
2 aye.

3 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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5 MR. MERTEN:

6 We have our Proposed Adjudication and
7 Orders. We have five of these. We
8 have Agenda Item 14, Case No. 23-45-
9 017222, Oley Nails; Agenda Item 15,
10 Case No. 24-45-011280, Rose's Nails;
11 Agenda Item 16, Case No. 24-45-013302,
12 Cleide Cooper d/b/a Cooper Spa; Agenda
13 Item 17, Case No. 25-45-015417, Jomayra
14 Blasini Rodriguez; Agenda Item 18, Case
15 No. 25-45-015424, Delynn Aguilar.

16 At this time, I believe the Board
17 would entertain a motion to reject and
18 direct Counsel to draft an Adjudication
19 and Order consistent with Executive
20 Session deliberations for the cases at
21 Agenda Items 14 and 18.

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 Claggett, so moved.

24 MS. GREEN:

25 Kristin Green, 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; Heather Kelly, aye;

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Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,

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aye.

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[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

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I believe the Board would further

11

entertain a motion to adopt the

12

Proposed Adjudications and Orders at

13

Agenda Items 15 through 17.

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ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

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Claggett, so moved.

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MS. GREEN:

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Kristin Green, second.

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Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-

20

Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole

21

Weakland, aye; Heather Kelly, aye;

22

Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,

23

aye.

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[The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 MR. MERTEN:

2 We have two Citation Appeals at Agenda
3 Item 19, Case No. 24-45-018617, Sheryl
4 D. Gardner; and Agenda Item 20, Case
5 No. 25-45-011083, RT 6 Nail Inc.

6 I believe the Board would
7 entertain a motion to dismiss the
8 appeals and uphold the citations at
9 Agenda Items 19 and 20.

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11 Claggett, so moved.

12 MS. GREEN:

13 Kristin Green, second.

14
15 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-
16 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
17 Weakland, aye; Heather Kelly, aye;
18 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,
19 aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 Report of Regulatory Counsel

23 [Addie Abelson, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, reported
24 there were no significant updates. She provided a
25 status report to the Board for its review.]

Applications - Act 41/Endorsement

MR. MERTEN:

We have three Act 41 Endorsement Applications. We have Agenda Item 22, Application No. AA0006874104, Alexis Hall; Agenda Item 23, Application No. AA0007035105, Anahit Barseghyan; and Agenda Item 24, Application No. AA0007100388, Evgeniia Ishenina.

I believe the Board would entertain a motion to provisionally deny the Act 41 application endorsement at Agenda Item 22.

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MS. GREEN:

Kristin Green, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole Weakland, aye; Heather Kelly, aye; Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

MR. MERTEN:

I believe the Board would further entertain a motion to grant full licensure by endorsement to the application at Agenda Items 23 and 24.

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MS. GREEN:

Kristin Green, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole Weakland, aye; Heather Kelly, aye; Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

Applications - Variance Request

[Mr. Merten noted the following Variance Requests:

Agenda Item 25, Application No. AA0006849396, Tata-Toos Aesthetic Lounge; Agenda Item 26, Application No. AA0006973493, My Little Hair Shop; Agenda Item 27, Application No. AA0007025929, Salon 214; Agenda Item 28, Application No. AA0007031724, Lauren

1 Henkels; Agenda Item 29, Application No.
2 AA0007058421, Kristin Kuts; Agenda Item 30,
3 Application No. AA0007058469, Esthetics by Irene;
4 Agenda Item 31, Application No. AA0007059703, Rituals
5 for Beauty; Agenda Item 32, Application No.
6 AA0007074832, Tatii LLC; Agenda Item 33, Application
7 No. AA0007085125 and AA0007085154, KNK Nails & Spa;
8 Agenda Item 34, Application No. AA0007104687,
9 Kellygirl Nails.]

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11 MR. MERTEN:

12 I believe the Board would entertain a
13 motion to table and issue a discrepancy
14 seeking more information to the
15 variance request at Agenda Item 25.

16 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

17 Claggett, so moved.

18 MS. GREEN:

19 Kristin Green, second.

20
21 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-
22 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
23 Weakland, aye; Heather Kelly, aye;
24 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,
25 aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MR. MERTEN:

4 I believe the Board would further
5 entertain a motion to provisionally
6 deny the variance requests at Agenda
7 Items 26 through 31 and 34.

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 Claggett, so moved.

10 MS. GREEN:

11 Kristin Green, second.

12
13 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-
14 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
15 Weakland, aye; Heather Kelly, aye;
16 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,
17 aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 MR. MERTEN:

21 I believe the Board would entertain a
22 motion to grant the variance requests
23 at Agenda Items 32 and 33.

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

25 Claggett, so moved.

1 MS. GREEN:

2 Kristin Green, second.

3

4 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-
5 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
6 Weakland, aye; Heather Kelly, aye;
7 Kristin Green, aye; Natalie McNeill,
8 aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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13 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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15 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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17 Public Comment

18 [Aaron Shenck, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic
19 Association of Career Schools (MAACS), noted MAACS
20 represents about 100 technical colleges and trade
21 schools in Pennsylvania and its surrounding states.
22 He commented on recent discussion related to
23 decreasing the number of cosmetology hours in
24 Pennsylvania. He added it seemed the reason for the
25 potential proposal was to make Pennsylvania's hours

1 closer to surrounding states. He provided
2 statistics, noting while New Jersey and New York have
3 fewer hours, the majority of the bordering states
4 have more hours. He also noted, nationwide,
5 Pennsylvania is generally considered the sweet spot
6 in terms of hours with only five states below
7 Pennsylvania in hours. He added the nationwide
8 median hours is 1,500.

9 Mr. Barrett explained any change would be a
10 legislative change and would be out of the Board's
11 hands. He noted the legislature could ask the
12 Board's opinion if desired. He added the Board is
13 not at liberty to provide policy opinions to the
14 general public; however, he appreciated Mr. Shenck's
15 question.]

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17 [Mr. Barrett noted a member of the public was in
18 attendance for Tatii LLC. While they did not raise
19 their hand for comments, he acknowledged sometimes it
20 can be unclear with the motions on what was denied or
21 granted. He commented their particular application
22 was not granted.]

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24 Adjournment

25 ACTING CHAIR JENKINS:

1 Motion to adjourn?

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

3 Claggett, so moved.

4 MS. GREEN:

5 Kristin Green, second.

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7 [There being no further business, the State Board of
8 Cosmetology Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.]

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11 CERTIFICATE

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

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Derek Richmond,

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Minute Clerk

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Sargent's Court Reporting

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Service, Inc.

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STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY
REFERENCE INDEX

June 8, 2026

TIME

AGENDA

9:00	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:30	Official Call to Order
10:30	Roll Call of Attendance
10:34	Approval of Minutes
10:34	Report of Board Prosecution
10:45	Report of Board Counsel
10:50	Report of Regulatory Counsel
10:50	Applications
10:56	Public Comment
11:00	Adjournment