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, August 3, 2026

State Board of Cosmetology
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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 - Absent
Kristin Green, Professional Member
Linda Iezzi, Professional Member
Natalie McNeill, Professional Member
Alexandria Lee, Public Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Michael P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel
Addie Abelson, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel
Adrianne McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Valerie Trautwein, Board Administrator
J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
Adrianne E. Doll, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jason C. Giurintano, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel, Counsel Division
Thomas Leech II, Business Licensing Division Chief
Stephanie Dunkerley, Legal Analyst, Office of General Counsel
Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Office of Legislative Affairs
Ronald Rouse, Esquire, Senior Counsel, Office of General Counsel
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director, Office of Policy

ALSO PRESENT:

Debbie Eckstine Weidner, Supervisor, Derielle Cosmetology Academy
Kyle Rivers, GGR, Gmerck Government Relations, Inc.
Joseph Brett, Research Analyst, Pennsylvania General Assembly
Beth Kerstetter, Applicant
Kambria Herb

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ALSO PRESENT (cont.)

Rae Smith
J. Elliott
Jessica Arguelles, Applicant
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 Michel 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 the 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 Cosmetology was held on Monday, August 3, 2026. Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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Roll Call/Introduction of Attendees

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

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Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2026

CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

Next on the Agenda is the approval of minutes. Is there a motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2026 meeting?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MS. IEZZI:

Linda Iezzi, second.

CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

Is there a roll call?

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

[The motion carried. Ms. Lee abstained from voting

on the motion.]

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Report of Prosecutorial Division

[Adrianne E. Doll, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreements for Agenda Item No. 3, Case No. 23-45-015995; and Agenda Item No. 4, Case No. 26-45-008055.]

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MR. MERTEN:

At this time, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the Consent Agreements at Agenda Items 3 and 4. Could you ask if we have a motion?

CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

Is there a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MS. IEZZI:

Linda Iezzi, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole Weakland, aye; Kristin Green, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye; Natalie McNeill, aye;

Alexandria Lee, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously. The Respondents' names are as follows: Item No. 3, Case No. 23-45-015995, Luxury Nails & Spa LLC; Item No. 4, Case No. 26-45-008055, Eclips Hair Studio.]

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Report of Board Counsel

MR. MERTEN:

All right. We have five Motions to Deem Facts Admitted. At Agenda Item 5, Case No. 23-45-015737, Dung Trung Doung; Agenda Item 6, Case No. 24-45-012033, Margherita Esposito; Agenda Item 7, Case No. 24-45-012955, Pileggi Salon; Agenda Item 8, Case No. 25-45-000571, Tuan Minh Pham; and Agenda Item No. 9, Case No. 25-45-001327, Megan M. Meyers.

I believe the Board, at this time, would entertain a motion to grant the Motions to Deem Facts Admitted and to direct Counsel to draft Final Adjudications and Orders consistent with Executive Session deliberations.

CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

Is there a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MS. IEZZI:

Linda Iezzi, second.

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

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

Moving on to Proposed Adjudications and Orders, we have two of these. Agenda Item 10, Case No. 23-45-015422, Nhan Nguyen; and Agenda Item 11, Case No. 25-45-001604, Eugene H. Trombley.

I believe the Board, at this time, would entertain a motion to adopt the Proposed Adjudication and Order at Agenda Item No. 10 with a correction to the expiration date of the Respondent's license.

CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:
Is there a motion?
ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:
Claggett, so moved.
MS. IEZZI:
Linda Iezzi, second.

Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole Weakland, aye; Kristin Green, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye; Natalie McNeill, aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.
[The motion carried unanimously.]
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MR. MERTEN:
I further believe the Board, at this time, will entertain a motion to adopt the Proposed Adjudication and Order at Agenda Item 11.
CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:
Is there a motion?
ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:
Claggett, so moved.
MS. IEZZI:
Second, Linda Iezzi.

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

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

Finally, we have four Final Adjudications and Orders; Agenda Item 12, Case No. 22-45-013854, Tuyen Minh Bui; Agenda Item 13, Case No. 24-45-013278, Nairovy Foxan de Valdez; Agenda Item 14, Case No. 24-45-003156, Avalon Nails; and Agenda Item No. 15, Case No. 24-45-017466, Randee L. Milam.

I believe the Board, at this time, 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 Orders in Agenda Items 12 through 15.

CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

Is there a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MS. IEZZI:

Second, Linda Iezzi.

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

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Regulatory Counsel

[Addie Abelson, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, provided a status report to the Board for its review. Ms. Abelson reviewed a background for Regulation 16A-4524, Natural Hair Braiders. She noted, in October 2024, an act was signed into law removing the practice of natural hair braiding from the practice of cosmetology. The Board stopped taking applications for natural hair braiders in 2024. She stated the regulation was to cleanup regulations to align the Board's Chapter with the statute. With the regulation, all instances of natural hair braiders and natural hair braiding would be removed from the

Chapter. She also noted, because the rulemaking is required by law and there is no room for discretion, a public comment period is unnecessary. Therefore, the rulemaking qualifies under a distinct exception to the full two-stage regulatory process normally required. If approved by the Board, the rulemaking would bypass the proposed stage and be submitted to Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and the committees as a final omitted rulemaking.]

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MS. ABELSON:

Would the Board entertain a motion to approve the Preamble and Annex of Regulation 16A-4524, Natural Hair Braiders, to proceed through the Final Omitted Rulemaking Process?

CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

Is there a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MS. IEZZI:

Second, Linda Iezzi.

Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole

Weakland, aye; Kristin Green, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye; Natalie McNeill, aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Applications - Act 41/Endorsement

MR. MERTEN:

So, starting with Act 41 Endorsement Applications, we have Agenda Item 18, Application No. AA0006985007, Claudia Restrepo; Agenda Item 19, Application No. AA0006985116, Vivian Oliveira; Agenda Item 20, Application No. AA0007150690, Uliana Movchan; Agenda Item 21, Application No. AA0007180337, Jessica Maribel Jadan Sisalima; Agenda Item 22, Application No. AA0007210319, Oksana Andriiuk; Agenda Item 23, Application No. AA0007216396, Armine Aloyan; Agenda Item 24, Application No. AA0007216664, Vika Roenko; Agenda Item 25, Application No. AA0007216926, Aizhan Shakirova; Agenda Item 26, Application No. AA0007219997, Alina Manko; Agenda Item 27, Application No.

AA0007220504, Yekaterina Krissanova; Agenda Item 28, Application No. AA0007222040, Lala Mustafayeva; Agenda Item 29, Application No. AA0007224545, Navruza Avazova; and Agenda Item 30, Application No. AA0007225982, Sevinch Bagirova.

I believe the Board, at this time, would entertain a motion to grant provisional licensure to the applications at Agenda Items 18, 19, and 20.

CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

Is there a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MS. IEZZI:

Second, Linda Iezzi.

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

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

Would the Board further entertain a motion to grant full licensure by endorsement to the applications at Agenda Items 21 through 30?

CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

Is there a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MS. IEZZI:

Second, Linda Iezzi.

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

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Applications - Variance Request

MR. MERTEN:

Moving on to our variance requests, about ten of these; Agenda Item 31, Application No. AA0006849396, Tata-Toos

Aesthetic Lounge; Agenda Item 32, Application No. AA0007010242, Bare Care LLC d/b/a Newtown Skin; Agenda Item 33, Application No. AA0007061493, Great Clips McIntyre Square; Agenda Item 34, Application No. AA0007066752, Great Clips Shops at 51; Agenda Item 35, Application No. AA0007070866, Fresh Start Salon; Agenda Item 36, Application No. AA0007105370, Wild About Styles Salon and Spa; Agenda Item 37, Application No. AA0007113818, KMB Studio; Agenda Item 38, Application No. AA0007130658, Earthside Aesthetics; Agenda Item 39, Application No. AA0007174244, Glasshouse Hair Co.; Agenda Item 40, Application No. AA0007214735, Salon Macabre LLC.

I believe the Board, at this time, would entertain a motion to table the application at Agenda Item 31 and issue a discrepancy seeking more information.

CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

Is there a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MS. IEZZI:

Second, Linda Iezzi.

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

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

I believe the Board would further entertain a motion to provisionally deny the applications at Agenda Items 32, 35, 37, 38, 39, and 40.

CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

Is there a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MS. IEZZI:

Second, Linda Iezzi.

Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole

Weakland, aye; Kristin Green, aye; Linda Iezzi, aye; Natalie McNeill, aye; Alexandria Lee, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MR. MERTEN:

Finally, I believe the Board would entertain a motion to approve the variance request applications at Agenda Items 33, 34, and 36.

CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

Is there a motion?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

Claggett, so moved.

MS. IEZZI:

Second, Linda Iezzi.

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

[The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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Report of Acting Commissioner

[Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs, noted the next meeting would be held on October 26, 2026 at Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center in New Stanton, with both in-person and virtual options. Mr. Merten encouraged the Board Members to attend in-person if possible.]

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Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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Report of Board Members - No Report

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Appointments - None

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Public Comment

[Rae Smith commented she heard the requirement of good moral character was being removed from the Act and requested an update.

Mr. Merten was not aware of a particular bill but she should reach out to her local legislator.]

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[Jessica Arguelles stated she heard that her variance request for Glasshouse Hair Co. was denied. Mr.

Merten noted she would get a letter explaining the decision in a week or so. Ms. Arguelles commented she had another floorplan and asked how quickly it could be sent in. Ms. Trautwein stated she would have 30 days to respond to the letter but could upload a new floorplan immediately for review.]

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[Kambria Herb asked if booth rental registration was still on the table. Mr. Merten replied there is a bill in the House relating to booth rental registration. He encouraged her to reach out to her local legislator for the status.]

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[Beth Kerstetter, Applicant, asked if her variance request for Fresh Start Salon had been approved or denied. Mr. Merten noted the request had been provisionally denied, and she would receive a letter explaining the justification and appeal process. He added if she already had an alternative floorplan, it could be uploaded to her application as a means to potentially circumvent the appeal process. Ms. Kerstetter did not understand why her application would have been denied. Mr. Merten referred her to the regulations for salon requirements. Acting Commissioner Claggett noted there could not be a

back-and-forth discussion during the public Board meeting and she would be receiving a letter of what was needed.]

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Adjournment

CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

Anything else? Okay, meeting is adjourned.

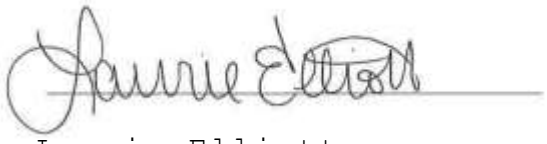
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[There being no further business, the State Board of Cosmetology Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.]

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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.



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

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