

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, April 21, 2025

State Board of Cosmetology  
April 21, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
Professional and Occupational Affairs  
Jennifer A. D'Amato-Dow, Chair, Professional  
Member  
Sandra Jenkins, Vice Chair, Professional Member  
Nicole Weakland, Secretary - Absent  
Heather Kelly, Esquire, Deputy Attorney General,  
Consumer Protection Member  
Tammy Y. O'Neill, Professional Member  
Felicia L. Brown-Haywood, Professional Member  
Teresa Whisler, Professional Member  
Linda Iezzi, Professional Member  
Alexandria Lee, Public Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Michael P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel  
J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
and Prosecution Liaison  
Emyline Breckenridge, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Valerie Eaton, Board Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

Debbie Eckstine-Weidner, Supervisor, DeRielle  
Cosmetology Academy  
Caleb Kibble  
Katherine Maxwell  
Larry Realejo  
Rachel Wilbur-Adams, Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

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2 State Board of Cosmetology

3 April 21, 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 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  
12 10:30 a.m.]

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
15 Board of Cosmetology was held on Monday, April 21,  
16 2025. Tammy Y. O'Neill, Chair, Professional Member,  
17 called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

22 Mr. Merten also noted the Board entered into  
23 Executive Session this morning and conducted quasi-  
24 judicial deliberations with the advice of counsel.]

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1 Roll Call/Introduction of Attendees

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

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6 Approval of minutes of February 24, 2025

7 MS. D'AMATO DOW:

8 Next on the agenda is the approval of  
9 minutes.

10 Do I have a motion to approve the  
11 minutes from February 24, 2025 meeting?

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13 So moved.

14 MS. O'NEILL:

15 Second.

16 MS. D'AMATO-DOW:

17 Can we have a roll call vote, please?

18  
19 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
20 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Heather  
21 Kelly, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye; Felicia  
22 Brown-Haywood, aye; Teresa Whisler,  
23 aye; Linda Iezzi, aye; Alexandria Lee,  
24 aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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Report of Board Prosecution

[Emyline M. Breckenridge, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-45-008334.]

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[Emyline M. Breckenridge, Board Prosecutor, on behalf of Jon Zurinskas, Esquire, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 25-45-001059.]

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[J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and Prosecution Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 25-45-000824.]

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[Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented the Consent Agreements for Case No. 22-45-018906, Case No. 24-45-005398, Case No. 24-45-010423, Case No. 24-45-013875, Case No. 24-45-014721, Case No. 24-45-017006, and Case No. 24-45-017806.]

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CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

Thank you. Do we have a motion to approve agenda Items 2 through 11?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

So moved.

MS. O'NEILL:

1 Second move.

2 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

3 Can we get a roll call vote?

4

5 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
6 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Heather  
7 Kelly, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye; Felicia  
8 Brown-Haywood, aye; Teresa Whisler,  
9 aye; Linda Iezzi, aye; Alexandria Lee,  
10 aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously. Agenda Item 2, Case  
12 No. 23-45-008334, is Sassy Nails & Pedicure; Item 3,  
13 Case No. 25-45-001059, Honey Nail Salon; Item 4, Case  
14 No. 25-45-000824, Regal Nails Salon & Spa; Item 5,  
15 Case No. 22-40-018906, Sarah E. Marshall; Item 6,  
16 Case No. 24-45-005398, Vain Skin Studio; Item 7, Case  
17 No. 24-45-010423, Europe Nails; Item 8, Case No. 24-  
18 45-013875, Pro Nails; Item 9, Case No. 24-45-014721,  
19 Nguyen Thi My Le; Item 10, Case No. 24-45-017006,  
20 Nail Art; and Item 11, Case No. 24-45-017806,  
21 Renee's.]

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23 Report of Board Counsel - Motion to Deem Facts

24 Admitted

25 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

1 Do we have a motion to grant The Motion  
2 To Deem Facts Admitted for Agenda Items  
3 12 through 14 and direct Counsel to  
4 draft a Final Adjudication and Order  
5 consistent with Executive Session  
6 deliberations?

7 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

8 So moved.

9 MS. O'NEILL:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

12 Can we get a roll call vote?

13

14 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
15 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Heather  
16 Kelly, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye; Felicia  
17 Brown-Haywood, aye; Teresa Whisler,  
18 aye; Linda Iezzi, aye; Alexandria Lee,  
19 aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously. Agenda Item 12,  
21 Case No. 21-45-004375, Margaret Ann Marks; Item 13,  
22 Case No. 23-45-012800, Viet Quoc Bui; and Item 14,  
23 Case No. 24-45-015412, T and T Nails.]

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25 Final Adjudication and Orders

1 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

2 Do we have a motion to adopt the  
3 Proposed Adjudication and Order for  
4 Agenda Items 15 through 18?

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

6 So moved.

7 MS. O'NEILL:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

10 Can we get a roll call vote?

11

12 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
13 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Heather  
14 Kelly, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye; Felicia  
15 Brown-Haywood, aye; Teresa Whisler,  
16 aye; Linda Iezzi, aye; Alexandria Lee,  
17 aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously. Agenda Item 15,  
19 Case No. 23-45-012303, Cathy's Fabulous Hair and  
20 Nails, LLC; Item 16, Case No. 24-45-004876, Brows by  
21 Jen; Item 17, Case No. 24-45-006873, Sean Rockey; and  
22 Item 18, Case No. 24-45-013289, Hai Yang Zheng.]

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24 REPORT OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON

25 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:



1                   We have a motion to approve the Final  
2                   Adjudication and Order for Items 19 and  
3                   20.

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

5                   So moved.

6 MS. O'NEILL:

7                   Moved.

8 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

9                   Can we get a roll call vote?

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11                   Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
12                   Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Heather  
13                   Kelly, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye; Felicia  
14                   Brown-Haywood, aye; Teresa Whisler,  
15                   aye; Linda Iezzi, aye; Alexandria Lee,  
16                   aye.

17 [The motion carried unanimously. Case No. 24-45-  
18 011563, Gel Nails and Spa; Case No. 24-45-013858, Best  
19 Nails.]

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21 Applications - Act 41/Endorsement Applications

22 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

23                   For No. 22, do we have a motion to  
24                   provisionally deny Application No. 22?

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1                               So moved.

2   MS. O'NEILL:

3                               Second.

4   CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

5                               Can we get a roll call vote?

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7                               Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
8                               Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Heather  
9                               Kelly, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye; Felicia  
10                              Brown-Haywood, aye; Teresa Whisler,  
11                              aye; Linda Iezzi, aye; Alexandria Lee,  
12                              aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15   CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

16                              Do I have a motion to grant provisional  
17                              licensure for agenda Items 23 and 24?

18   ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

19                              So moved.

20   MS. O'NEILL:

21                              Second.

22   CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

23                              Can we get a roll call vote?

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25                              Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-

1 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Heather  
2 Kelly, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye; Felicia  
3 Brown-Haywood, aye; Teresa Whisler,  
4 aye; Linda Iezzi, aye; Alexandria Lee,  
5 aye.

6 [The motion carried unanimously. Agenda Item 23,  
7 Application No. AA0006177876, Cindy Castellanos; Item  
8 24, Application No. AA0006225051, Tokhir  
9 Ismatullaev.]

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11 Applications - Variance Requests

12 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

13 For No. 25, do I have a motion to  
14 rescind the provisional denial?

15 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

16 So moved.

17 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

18 Is there a second?

19 MS. O'NEILL:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

22 Can we get a roll call vote?

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24 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
25 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Heather

1 Kelly, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye; Felicia  
2 Brown-Haywood, aye; Teresa Whisler,  
3 aye; Linda Iezzi, aye; Alexandria Lee,  
4 aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously. Item 25,  
6 AA0006018962, Wax + Wildflowers, LLC.]

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8 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

9 Can I have a motion to provisionally  
10 deny Items 26 through 29?

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

12 So moved.

13 MS. O'NEILL:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

16 Can we get a roll call vote?

17  
18 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
19 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Heather  
20 Kelly, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye; Felicia  
21 Brown-Haywood, aye; Teresa Whisler,  
22 aye; Linda Iezzi, aye; Alexandria Lee,  
23 aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

2 Motion to approve Application for Item  
3 No. 30?

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

5 So moved.

6 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

7 Is there a second?

8 MS. O'NEILL:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

11 Can we get a roll call vote?

12

13 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-  
14 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Heather  
15 Kelly, aye; Tammy O'Neill, aye; Felicia  
16 Brown-Haywood, aye; Teresa Whisler,  
17 aye; Linda Iezzi, aye; Alexandria Lee,  
18 aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Report of Board Chairperson

1 [Jennifer A. D'Amato-Dow, Chair, Professional Member,  
2 elected Jennifer A. D'Amato-Dow, Linda Iezzi and  
3 Alexandria Lee for the Application Committee and  
4 Sandra Jenkins for the Probable Cause Committee.]

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6 Report of Acting Commissioner

7 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
8 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed the  
9 Board of the Licensure Expo taking place on November  
10 10, 2025, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. All 29  
11 State Boards have been invited and requested two to  
12 three Board members be in attendance. Additional  
13 details will come at a later date.]

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15 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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17 Report of Regulatory Counsel

18 [Jennifer A. D'Amato-Dow, Chair, Professional Member,  
19 tabled Item 31.]

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21 Public Comment

22 [Debbie Eckstine-Weidner, Supervisor, DeRielle  
23 Cosmetology Academy, stated that she had been  
24 contacted by a former student whose mother also works  
25 in the cosmetology profession. The student mentioned

1 there were ongoing regulatory developments regarding  
2 mobile salons and booth rentals, and Ms. Weidner  
3 inquired whether any of those changes had been  
4 officially passed.

5 Mr. Merten clarified that the topics in question  
6 pertain to bills introduced in the state assembly,  
7 not finalized regulatory changes. He confirmed that  
8 several bills related to the Cosmetology Board,  
9 including ones addressing mobile salons and booth  
10 rentals, have indeed been introduced. However, to his  
11 knowledge, none of these bills have been voted on or  
12 officially discussed yet.

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14 Public Comment

15 [Mr. Realejo asked about the pilot program,  
16 expressing his understanding that it was supposed to  
17 be discussed during the current meeting.

18 Mr. Merten explained that the pilot program was  
19 enacted by the legislature, not the board, although  
20 the board administered it. He noted that the  
21 legislation includes a sunset provision that is set  
22 to expire in June, meaning the current semester is  
23 likely the last in which the program will be active.  
24 To his knowledge, there has been no new legislation  
25 introduced to extend the program, although

1 discussions have taken place.

2 Mr. Realejo responded by stating that many of his  
3 schools were asking about the program and sought  
4 clarification on whether he should inform them that  
5 it likely would not be extended.

6 Mr. Merten advised that nothing could be stated  
7 definitively at this point. He noted that the  
8 regulatory counsel, who could provide a clearer  
9 update, was not present at the meeting but would  
10 attend the next meeting. He apologized for the  
11 counsel's absence.]

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13 Public Comment

14 [Caleb Kibble inquired as to the status of Teddy Lash  
15 Lounge's Variance request. Mr. Merten informed Mr.  
16 Kibble that the request was approved.]

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18 Adjournment

19 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

20 There are no upcoming hearings. There  
21 are no upcoming appointments, so we can  
22 adjourn the meeting. Do I have a  
23 motion for adjournment?

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

25 So moved.



1 CHAIR D'AMATO DOW:

2 Is there a second?

3 MS. O'NEILL:

4 Second.

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6 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
7 Cosmetology Meeting adjourned at 11:05 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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Rachel Wilbur-Adams,

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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

April 21, 2025

TIME

AGENDA

9:00	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:30	Official Call to Order
10:31	Roll Call
10:33	Introduction of Attendees
10:33	Approval of Minutes
10:46	Report of Board Prosecution
10:52	Report of Board Counsel
11:05	Appointment - Annual Prosecution Report
11:00	Report of Regulatory Counsel
11:02	Public Comment
11:05	Adjournment