

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: 10:31 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 9, 2025

State Board of Cosmetology
June 9, 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
Heather Kelly, Esquire, Deputy Attorney General,
Consumer Protection Member - Absent
Tammy Y. O'Neill, Professional Member - Absent
Felicia L. Brown-Haywood, Professional Member
Teresa Whisler, Professional Member
Linda Iezzi, Professional Member - Absent
Alexandria Lee, Public Member
Kristin Green, New Board Member
Natalie O'Neill, New Board Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Michael P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel
J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
and Prosecution Liaison
Carlton Smith, Deputy Chief Counsel, Prosecution
Division
Emyline Breckenridge, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Shana Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
William Newport Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Riley Baker, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Valerie Eaton, Board Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Department of State
Tara Czekner
Natalie McNeill
Lorrayne Johnson, licensed esthetician
Halyna Vasylevych
Sally Elizabeth
Davi McGlashen
J Black
Christine Clemens
Katie

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ALSO PRESENT (Cont.):

Judith
Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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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 10:31
12 a.m.]

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
15 Board of Cosmetology was held on Monday, June 9,
16 2025., Jennifer A. D'Amato-Dow, Chair, Professional
17 Member called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

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19 Roll Call/Introduction of Attendees

20 [Valerie Eaton, Board Administrator, provided a roll
21 call of Board members and introduction of attendees.
22 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 the Board entered into
3 Executive Session this morning and conducted quasi-
4 judicial deliberations with the advice of counsel.]

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6 Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2025

7 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

8 Next to the Agenda is the approval of
9 the minutes. Is there a motion to
10 approve the minutes from the April 21,
11 2025 board meeting?

12 MR. CLAGGETT:

13 So moved.

14 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

15 Second. Roll call.

16
17 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-
18 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
19 Weakland, abstain; Felicia Brown-
20 Haywood, aye; Teresa Whisler, aye;
21 Alexandria Lee, aye.

22 [The motion carried. Nicole Weakland abstained from
23 voting on the motion.]

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25 Report of Prosecution

1 [Emyline Breckenridge, Esquire, Board Prosecution,
2 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-45-
3 002302.]

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5 [William Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecution, on
6 behalf of Jon Zurinkas, Esquire, presented the
7 Consent Agreement for Case No. 24-45-017814

8 Mr. Newport presented the Consent Agreement for
9 Case No. 25-45-000659.]

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11 [Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
12 presented the Consent Agreements for Case No. 24-45-
13 016007, Case No. 24-45-011475, and Case No. 24-45-
14 014724.]

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16 [Riley Baker, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
17 the Consent Agreement for Case No. 24-45-001201.]

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19 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

20 Thank you. Is there a motion to accept
21 Consent Agreements for Agenda Items 2
22 through 8?

23 MR. CLAGGETT:

24 So moved.

25 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

1 Jennifer Dow. Second.

2 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

3 Roll call.

4

5 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-
6 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
7 Weakland, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood,
8 aye; Teresa Whisler, aye; Alexandria
9 Lee, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondents'
11 names are Agenda Item 2, Case No. 23-45-002302, is
12 Nicole L. Renton; Agenda Item 3, Case No. 24-45-
13 017814, Estetica El Mexicano Unisex; Agenda Item 4,
14 Case No. 24-45-016007, Beauty Galaxy; Agenda Item 5,
15 Case No. 24-45-011475, Barry E. Wicks; Agenda Item 6,
16 Case No. 24-45-014724, The Nail Shop V; Agenda Item
17 7, Case No. 25-45-001201, Natalie Marie's Salon and
18 Spa; agenda item 8, Case No. 25-45-000659, Nail
19 Glamour.]

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21 Report of Board Counsel - Motion to Deem Facts

22 Admitted

23 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

24 Is there a motion to grant the motion to
25 be in fact submitted for Agenda Item No.

1 9?

2 MR. CLAGGETT:

3 So moved.

4 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

5 Is there a second?

6 MS. JENKINS:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

9 Roll call.

10

11 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-
12 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
13 Weakland, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood,
14 aye; Teresa Whisler, aye; Alexandria
15 Lee, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

17 ***

18 Report of Board Counsel - Proposed Adjudication and
19 Orders

20 MR. MERTEN:

21 I have two proposed Adjudications and
22 Orders Agenda Item 10, Case No. 22-45-
23 006568, Laura Weikel. And Agenda Item
24 11, Case No. 24-45-013278, Nairovy Foxan
25 de Valdez.

1 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

2 Is there a motion to adopt the proposed
3 Adjudication and Order for Agenda Item
4 No. 10?

5 MR. CLAGGETT:

6 So moved.

7 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

8 Is there a second?

9 MS. JENKINS:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

12 And we'll do roll call.

13

14 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-
15 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
16 Weakland, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood,
17 aye; Teresa Whisler, aye; Alexandria
18 Lee, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

22 Is there a motion to reject and direct
23 Counsel to draft an Adjudication and
24 Order consistent with Executive Session
25 deliberations for Agenda Item No. 11?

1 MR. CLAGGETT:

2 Claggett. So moved.

3 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

4 Is there a second?

5 MS. JENKINS:

6 Sandra Jenkins. Second.

7 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

8 And roll call.

9

10 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato-
11 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
12 Weakland, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood,
13 aye; Teresa Whisler, aye; Alexandria
14 Lee, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

16 ***

17 Applications - Act 41/Endorsement

18 MR. MERTEN:

19 We have a number of Act 41 endorsement
20 Applications. So Agenda Item 12,
21 Application number AA0006212159, Maria
22 Frias. Agenda Item 13, Application
23 number AA006259910, Ariela Mercedes
24 Valerio. Agenda Item 14, Application
25 number AA0006291589, Lira

1 Sharshenalieva. Agenda Item 15,
2 Application number AA0006296226, Laxmi
3 Prasanna Veeranki. Agenda Item 16,
4 Application number AA0006320166, Halyna
5 Vasylecyh. Agenda item 17, Application
6 number AA0006339009, Olena Plokha.
7 Agenda Item 18, Application number
8 AA0006360258, Galyna Kornisiuk. Agenda
9 Item 19, Application number
10 AA0006373788, Lela Rtskhiladze.

11 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

12 Is there a motion to provisionally deny
13 Applications for Agenda Items numbers
14 12, 13 and 15?

15 MR. CLAGGETT:

16 So moved.

17 MS. JENKINS:

18 Sandra Jenkins. Second.

19 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

20 And roll call.

21
22 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato
23 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
24 Weakland, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood,
25 aye; Teresa Whisler, aye; Alexandria

1 Lee, aye.

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

5 Is there a motion to grant licensure by
6 endorsement for agenda items 14, 15, 18
7 and 19?

8 MR. CLAGGETT:

9 Claggett. So moved.

10 MS. JENKINS:

11 Sandra Jenkins. Second.

12 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

13 And roll call.

14

15 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato
16 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
17 Weakland, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood,
18 aye; Teresa Whisler, aye; Alexandria
19 Lee, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

23 Is there a motion to grant a provisional
24 license for Item No. 17?

25 MR. CLAGGETT:

1 Claggett. So moved.

2 MS. JENKINS:

3 Sandra Jenkins. Second.

4 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

5 And roll call.

6

7 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato
8 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole
9 Weakland, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood,
10 aye; Teresa Whisler, aye; Alexandria
11 Lee, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

13 ***

14 Applications - Variance Requests

15 MR. MERTEN:

16 And then we have two Variance Requests.
17 Agenda Item 20, Application number
18 AA0006274649, Phenix Salon Suites,
19 Cranberry Township, Suite 13. And
20 Agenda Item 21, Application number
21 AA0006343462, De Luna Nail.

22 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

23 Is there a motion to provisionally deny
24 the Variance Requests for items 20 and
25 21?

1 MR. CLAGGETT:

2 Claggett. So moved.

3 MS. JENKINS:

4 Sandra Jenkins. Second.

5 CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW:

6 And roll call.

7

8 Arion Claggett, aye; Jennifer D'Amato

9 Dow, aye; Sandra Jenkins, aye; Nicole

10 Weakland, aye; Felicia Brown-Haywood,

11 aye; Teresa Whisler, aye; Alexandria

12 Lee, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

14 ***

15 Report of Regulatory Counsel

16 [Michel P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted that

17 Mr. Davis submitted a written report in lieu of his

18 attendance.]

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20 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report.

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22 Report of Board Members - No Report.

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24 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report.

25 ***

1 Report of Board Administrator

2 [Valerie Eaton, Board Administrator, welcomed two new
3 board members, Kristin Green and Natalie McNeill. She
4 stated that they will be able to vote with the Board
5 once on-boarding is completed.]

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7 Discussion Items

8 [Michel P. Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted a
9 bill introduced into the House concerning the pilot
10 program as the previous iteration had expired this
11 year. He also stated the discussion in the House is
12 regarding continuing the pilot program.]

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14 Public Comment

15 [Katie, esthetician, asked about where the bill on
16 dermaplaning stands in Pennsylvania. She stated she
17 knew a number of estheticians had emailed regarding it
18 and had not heard anything back.

19 Mr. Merten stated the bill was introduced in the
20 House but had no updates since introduction. He
21 recommended that Katie and other estheticians contact
22 their local representatives for any additional
23 information.]

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25 Adjournment

CHAIR D'AMATO-DOW

The meeting is adjourned. Thank
you.

[There being no further business, the State Board of
Cosmetology Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.]

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.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Allison Walker', is written over a horizontal line.

Allison Walker,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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TIME

AGENDA

9:00	Executive Session
10:31	Return to Open Session
10:31	Official Call to Order
10:31	Roll Call of Attendance
10:34	Approval of Minutes
10:34	Report of Board Prosecution
10:44	Report of Board Counsel
10:51	Report of Board Administrator
10:52	Discussion Items
10:52	Public Comment
10:54	Adjournment