

The regular meeting of the State Board of Barber Examiners was held at 8:00 at Arkansas College of Barber and Hair Design, Little Rock, AR on February 10, 2020.

The following board members were present: Ricky Bryant, Rex Bailey and Julius Odom. Others who attended the meeting were Mike Wooldridge, Phyllis Jacobsen, Ed Jordan, Austin Shelton, Cody Mayes, Travena Jefferson, Brad Nye, Monette Baker, Gavin Gaines, Donald Teague, Matt Dillon, William Green and Clay Smith from the governor’s office.

Ricky Bryant declared a forum and called the meeting to order. Per Arkansas statute, the meeting was being recorded in a manner that allows for the capture of sound.

Minutes were approved.

Legendary Institute on Bowman is still having problems with their plumber. Wilbur Easterling’s school in Dermott was inspected and given a list of items that need to be completed. New Beginning Barber Stylist School (Stephanie Willis), in Lake Village is still working on their proposal

We still have pending rule changes at the governor’s office.

Our Administrative I position has been posted. The deadline to apply was 2-9-2020. Will be interviewed first by DL&L.

Monette Baker presented her proposal to teach high school students at their high school the last two periods of the day.

Travena Jefferson requested approval for a new school in North Little Rock. The board voted to allow her to begin. Brazell Mathis, 420 West Broadway, West Memphis, Arkansas is preparing to come before the board to open a new school in West Memphis, Arkansas.

19-20 Barber renewals as of February 7, 2020.....	2554
119 are felons	
981 ELIGIBLE TO RENEW, 65 are felons	
31 MORE ELIGIBLE BUT SUSPENDED	
19-20 Shop renewals as of February 7, 2020.....	956
19-20 TMI renewals as of February 7, 2020.....	91
Reciprocity barbers number	384.

We are in Group 4, due to be evaluated in four (4) years by the Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee, to “determine and implement the least restrictive form of occupational authorization to protect consumers from significant and substantiated harms to public health and safety.” However, we may be reviewed out of the rotating basis if a member of the General Assembly makes a formal request to the Legislative Council and the cochairs of the Legislative Council approve the request.

The board had five (5) felons for review per Act 990. All were approved to start school.

The NABBA midwinter conference is February 22-25, 2020. The board voted to renew the membership. Ricky Bryant is going to represent our board.

Phyllis Jacobsen and Mr. Wooldridge attended a meeting on Thursday February 6, 2020 with Secretary Bassett and other agency personnel regarding the move to another location. Secretary Bassett indicated we would be moving to 900 West Capitol in the Dillard’s building. All agencies will be there by September. Here are some comments:

- a. Staff will have parking provided
- b. Visitors will have to park on the street which is limited
- c. Access will be restricted
- d. We will be on the fourth floor
- e. Barbers wanting to come in to renew will be waited on at a reception desk

- f. Those personnel will accept check, cash, or money order.
- g. We will escort those who want to come to the office.

- h. The agency head will have an office. Others will work from a cubicle
- i. We will be limited on what will go to the new office space
- j. Meeting rooms will be available
- k. A training/testing room is available
- l. All our files will be scanned. No more paper files.

Next board meeting will be March 16, 2020 at Arkansas College of Barbering, Little Rock, Arkansas.
 No applicant will be graded by board members who know them. It takes two board members to fail a student on their practical examination.

Mr. Wooldridge was presented a plaque in appreciation of his work as director of the board.

Applicants for the State Board Examinations, February 10, 2020 who passed and will be issued a license:

REGISTERED

Dorothy Johnson	Washington
Sasha Smith	AR College

OUT OF STATE STUDENTS

Marvin Hoggan	Tennessee
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TMI

Keith Thompson	Northern Technical
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absent

 Thomas McArthur, Chair
 Hot Springs, AR

 Rex Bailey
 Springdale, AR

 Ricky Bryant, 1st Chair
 Sherwood, AR

absent

 Mary Fisher, Public Member
 Danville, AR

 Julius Odom, 2nd Chair, Consumer
 Bald Knob

 Michael Wooldridge, Director

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