

The regular meeting of the State Board of Barber Examiners was held at 8:00 at Arkansas College of Barbering, Little Rock, AR on March 11, 2019.

The following members were present: Ricky Bryant, Julius Odom, Mary Fisher and Rex Bailey. Those who attended the meeting were Mike Wooldridge, Ed Jordan and Phyllis Jacobsen from the board.

Ricky Bryant called the meeting to order and read the February minutes for approval. Rex Bailey made the motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Julius Odom, the motion carried.

Smith Barber Institute, 1218 Main Street 870-626-4556, James E. Smith, Pine Bluff, Arkansas inspection has not been requested. I made a trip 2-7-19 and found it closed, but still advertised as a barber shop.

Board hearing April 15, 2019 for barber who works unlicensed.

Mike Wooldridge gave a report on his take on SB 410.

SENATE BILL 410

1. THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS was founded 82 years ago to prevent unlicensed barbers from coming to Arkansas and working in unclean and unsanitary conditions. The minutes of that first meeting indicate it was out of control.

2. *Barbers are needlessly regulated and could be deregulated or delicensed without causing detrimental harm to the citizens of the State of Arkansas or the economy of the this state;*

We have 15 barber schools, producing 373 barbers last year, and contributed to the economy of Arkansas in excess of \$6 ½ million dollars in schooling alone. Not counting the 3624 licensed barbers and 1000 barber shops located throughout the state.

3. *Research has found that occupational licensing reduces access to jobs, inhibits geographic mobility, and raises the costs of services*

No license means no other state will accept your registration. You cannot move. Having no licensure will flood the cities with untrained people cutting hair which will ultimately cause those with proper training to lose their livelihood because of bootleg hair cutters.

4. *By deregulating or delicensing the professions of barber, the citizens and the economy of this state would benefit greatly without causing public health and safety issues.*

The reasoning for training and licensure is to insure that citizens are protected from issues such as head lice, scabies, ringworm, and other fungi or parasites and viruses such as MERSA.

5. *"Barbering" does not include the use of any chemical process or application of any chemical by any means to the hair of an individual, wig, or hairpiece.*

The curriculum for barber training includes the use of chemical processes including color, bleach, straighteners, and relaxers.

6. *No continuing education classes will be required*

Thanks to Senator Elliot the board was able to implement continuing education for our instructors to keep health and safety issues foremost in the minds of those who teach.

7. *Establish guidelines to convert a barber's license into a license to practice cosmetology.*

There are probably 5 times as many cosmetology schools in the state than barber schools. If a barber wanted to become a cosmetologist it would have been much easier because of logistics than going to barber school.

8. *An individual who is not licensed as a barber who practices barbering for a fee shall file with the Department of Health:*

A registration application that includes the individual's Name; and Place of business.

A registration fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00);

A cash bond or a surety bond issued by a corporate surety authorized to do business in the state in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

There is no state that will accept a "registered" barber for reciprocity or endorsement. If this bill passes, no one will be able to move and get their barber license.

9. *No individual who is a licensed cosmetologist shall be required to file a registration or bond if the individual practices barbering as part of the practice of cosmetology.*

Does this mean that cosmetologists who are not trained in shaving can shave a person? Or does this mean we will have a hybrid license. Again, not recognized anywhere. Tennessee has tried this.

10. *No license is required to register to operate as a barber, barbershop, barber corporation, or barber school or college.*

So you can have an unlicensed barber school, to train people, but they don't need the training? Who is going to attend?

11. *SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-26-102(b)(1), concerning the description of the art of cosmetology under the laws governing cosmetology and related occupations, is amended to read as follows:*

(1) Curling, waving, machineless permanent waving, permanent waving, cleansing, ~~cutting~~, singeing, bleaching, tinting, coloring, straightening, dyeing, or otherwise treating with any chemical means the hair of an individual or wigs or hairpieces;

Notice he denies cosmetologists the opportunity to cut hair.

A called meeting of the State Board of Barber Examiners was held at 3:00 at the office of the Board of Barber Examiners, Little Rock, AR on March 6, 2019 to prepare for a meeting with Senator Cooper on Senate Bill 410, which would abolish the barber board.

The following members were present: Ricky Bryant, Julius Odom, and Rex Bailey. Tom McArthur was absent due to sickness and Mary Fisher was on vacation. Those who also attended the meeting were Mike Wooldridge, and Phyllis Jacobsen from the board office staff.

Ricky Bryant, Rex Bailey, and Julius Odom all agreed to be open and receptive to any and all comments that Senator Cooper would make in the meeting at 4:15 at Room 400 of the Capitol.

The board met at Room 400 at the designated time and waited for 45 minutes. Three phone calls and two texts proved to be unsuccessful in reaching Senator Cooper, so Mike Wooldridge called our AG representative Brad Nye and informed him that we were leaving.

The meeting was adjourned and board member returned to their respective cities.

Mike Wooldridge reported on HB 1642,

HB 1642

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING COSMETOLOGY AND OTHER RELATED OCCUPATIONS;
TO REMOVE THE CERTIFICATION FOR NATURAL HAIR BRAIDING**

Adds razor to the methods of removing superfluous hair.
Rids themselves of braiders.

18-19 Barber renewals: 2623 and 1001 delinquent (still able to renew without retesting)

18-19 Shop renewals: 984, 14 delinquent

No applicants will be graded by board members who know or have taught the applicants. It takes two board members to fail a student on their practical examination.

The next board meeting will be April 15, 2019 at New Tyler Barber College, North Little Rock, AR.

The motion to adjourn was made by Ricky Bryant, seconded by Rex Bailey, the motion passed.