

The regular meeting of the State Board of Barber Examiners was held at 8:00 at Arkansas College of Barbering, Little Rock, AR on May 20, 2019.

The following board members were present: Ricky Bryant, Julius Odom, Mary Fisher and Rex Bailey. Those who attended the meeting were Michael L Wooldridge, Phyllis Jacobsen and Ed Jordan from the board office staff, Brad Nye, AG Office, DeNise Myers, DeSigner Barber College, Mynor R. Aguirre student at DeSigner and Brian Wilhite, owner/instructor at Missions Barber College.

Ricky Bryant declared a forum and called the meeting to order.

Ricky Bryant read the previous month's minutes and Rex Bailey made the motion to accept as read, with a Julius Odom second, the motion was approved.

Dion Simpson has been given every opportunity to pay his fine. I talked to him on numerous occasions, and have given him every opportunity to come by and pay. I will visit with our AG representative, Brad Nye to determine what we are going to do next.

We still have not heard anything from The Smith Barber Institute as to when he wants his final inspection.

The violations and fines with the shortened consent agreement that the approved at last board meeting are set up and ready to go.

We have already had one barber student to sign a consent agreement so that he can get his license.

New business: on our renewals we have 2,708 current. 272 (15-16) licenses that can be renewed. 366 (16-17), 301 (17-18). All of these would be able to renew just by paying the fees without having to be retested. And that brings our total to 3,647. We have 1,006 shop renewals and Ed's been on top of this. Currently we only have 7 that are delinquent, and delinquent indicates that they are still working in their shop, but they just have not paid.

We were supposed to have a felon appear to go over his previous refusal, but he's not here right now so we'll will wait and see if he does show up.

ACT 990 regarding disqualification from licensure was discussed at the TMI training. It was a pretty good discussion. It went on for a pretty good while and there are still questions that remained to be answered. Brad Nye will discuss that later.

The mail out is ready, all I need to do on that is get final approval from the Board, and I'll pass that out for you.

As I mentioned before the meeting started, all officially scheduled special and called open public meetings shall be recorded in a manner that allows for the capture of sound. Including without limitation a sound-only recording of video recording with sound and picture or a digital or analogue broadcast capable of being recording. A recording of an open meeting shall be maintained by the public entity for a minimum of one year from the date of the open public meeting. The recording should be maintained in a format that may be reproduced upon request under this chapter subdivisions d1 and 2 of this section do not apply to executive sessions.

Mr. Brian Wilhite from Missions Barber College spoke to the board about his time owning a school and changes he would like the board to make a ruling on. He questioned why there was only one instructor to do the grading of the students. Mr. Wooldridge informed him that board members, not instructors, do the grading. He was also asking to do away with the practical examination entirely and having the students come to the office upon graduation to take the written exam. He questioned also the TMI training, its speakers, and why the board members were not at the training. He was informed that the board office staff represented the board. The discussion drifted to the number of barbers and the decline of the profession. Mr. Wilhite wanted to know what the board was doing to get more students in the schools. Mr. Wooldridge tried to explain how law and rule changes have to be approved by the governor and voted on by the legislature after going through committee hearings.

Denise Myers approached Mr. Wilhite by saying how disrespectful to this Board he has been since the day he started. "We went to that instructor training. You were disrespectful to all the speakers. You were disrespectful to the Board. You were disrespectful to my speaker. Everybody felt tension there. We got in the car, my instructors all the way back to Fort Smith, we talked about you. You have made it so uncomfortable. I think that you need to respect laws and orders and quit trying to make your own."

A discussion of Act 990 revealed problems that students who have a felony are confronted with. A student with a felony testified as to his dilemma and wanted answers. Mr. Wooldridge will resolve his issues promptly.

Next board meeting June 10, 2019 at New Tyler Barber College, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.

Applicants who passed the State Board Examinations at Arkansas College of Barbering, Little Rock, AR on May 20, 2019.

REGISTERED

1. Almonta Campbell
2. Chester Dancer
3. Lewis Evans
4. Zyon Hudley
5. Brandi Keech
6. Shyler Long
7. James Peer
8. Corey Sabbs

- DeSigner
- DeSigner
- Northern Technical
Ar College
- DeSigner
- DeSigner
- Washington
- New Tyler

9. Charlet Turnbull

DeSigner

CROSSOVER

1. Terrence Verge

Ar College

RE-TAKE (Barber – Practical Only)

1. Stacie Lawrence-Maddox

2. Juan Rivera

TMI

1. Justin Craven

2. Sterling Herring

Ar College
Washington

RECIPROCITY

1. Kewin Moncada

2. Marco Ramirez

Mexico
Mexico

absent

Thomas McArthur, Chair
Hot Springs, AR

Rex Bailey
Springdale, AR

Ricky Bryant, 1st Chair
Sherwood, AR

Mary Fisher, Public Member
Danville, AR

Julius Odom, 2nd Chair, Consumer
Bald Knob

Michael Wooldridge, Exec Secretary

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