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MINUTES OF THE February 2, 2023
PUBLIC EYELASH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Call / Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Cate Tool (Chair), Heather Cohen, Nicole Corliss, Katherine Kapoutsos, Shelley Kilty, Larissa Ruggiero

ABSENT: Erinn Breedy

STAFF: Richard Lawless, Executive Director
Kristina Gasson, Deputy General Counsel for Boards and Hearings
Jamie Dalton, Board Counsel

The Meeting was called to order at **10:02 a.m.** by Ms. Tool. All board members and staff appeared telephonically or by videoconference. Mr. Lawless informed all meeting attendees that the meeting was being recorded.

Meeting and Subcommittee Member Protocol:

Ms. Tool reviewed virtual meeting protocol and reiterated that the meeting was being recorded.

Approval of Public Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2023:

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Kilty, to approve the public meeting minutes from the January 5, 2023 subcommittee meeting as drafted.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Kapoutsos (Yes), Ms. Kilty (Yes), Ms. Ruggiero (Yes), and Ms. Tool (Abstain).

The Motion passed 5-0, with 1 abstention.

Discussion

Training Requirements for Eyelash Extensions

The subcommittee discussed training requirements for cosmetologists and aestheticians licensed prior to the Board's 2019 requirement of eyelash extensions in school programs.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Corliss, seconded by Ms. Cohen, that licensed cosmetologists and aestheticians licensed prior to June 1, 2020, must be able to provide proof of training in eyelash extensions in order to provide that service.

The Chair called for a roll call vote:

Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Kapoutsos (Yes), Ms. Kilty (Yes), Ms. Ruggiero (Yes), and Ms. Tool (Yes).

The Motion passed 6-0.

School Requirements

The Subcommittee discussed eyelash school requirements, and determined that instead of creating a new type of school license, that any licensed school or Advanced School may apply to provide an eyelash extensions program.

A public attendee asked to be recognized by the Chair. The Chair recognized Lorna, an eyelash business owner, who recommended that all licensees providing eyelash extensions must be able to show proof of training, and that schools should have a standard minimum hour course requirements for eyelash courses.

Enforcement of Eyelash Requirements

The subcommittee discussed how long a period the Board should provide for individuals to become compliant with eyelash extension licensing requirements. The subcommittee determined that once any new eyelash requirements are officially implemented, the Board should provide a 6-month grace period for individuals to become compliant.

Eyelash Businesses

The subcommittee discussed how to license businesses providing eyelash extensions. The subcommittee is considering options with respect to policies and/or licensing regarding eyelash businesses and services, and is in the process of discussing these possibilities with Board Counsel, but no final determinations have been made at this point.

Other Topics

The subcommittee briefly discussed how an eyelash registration would fit into the Board's mobile services policy, but no conclusions were made. The subcommittee also discussed reminding cosmetology and aesthetics schools that they are required to cover eyelash extensions in their programs, and suggested this may be a future agenda topic.

Public Comment:

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Anthony Clemente, of New England Hair Academy, asked the subcommittee whether there would be an exam requirement for eyelash extensions. The subcommittee discussed requiring an exam, but no conclusions were made.

Jess asked about the requirements for opening an eyelash school, and about the timeline for when any new eyelash requirements would go into effect. Mr. Lawless said that the subcommittee can discuss current requirements for eyelash extensions at the next meeting.

Nancy said that she did not receive adequate training for eyelash extensions through a certificate course, and asked which school can provide an 80-hour eyelash course.

Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Ms. Kilty, seconded by Ms. Cohen to adjourn at 11:59 a.m.

The Chair called for a roll call vote:

Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Kapoutsos (Yes), Ms. Kilty (Yes), Ms. Ruggiero (Yes), and Ms. Tool (Yes).

The Motion passed 6-0.

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held on March 2, 2023.



Richard Lawless, Executive Director

Documents Used During the Meeting:

- Agenda
- Subcommittee Meeting Minutes from 1/5/23
- Draft Outline for Eyelash Extensions Requirements