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**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11th, 2021**  
**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Conference Call

**PRESENT:** Susan Viens (Chair), Joy Talbot (Vice-Chair), Heather Cohen, Nicole Corliss, Erin Pearson, Marian Saluto, Iris Stowe, and Cate Tool.

Jésus Nuñez was absent.

**STAFF:** Richard Lawless, Executive Director  
Kristina Gasson, Board Counsel

The Meeting was called to order at **9:31 a.m.** by Ms. Viens. Pursuant to Governor Charles D. Baker's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, dated March 12, 2020, all board members and staff appeared telephonically or by videoconference.

**Housekeeping and Conference Call Protocol:**

Ms. Viens reviewed conference call protocol with meeting attendees.

**Executive Director Report**

Mr. Lawless provided an update on COVID-19 related business capacity restrictions for salons and shops, including the announcements of Phase III, Step 2, and the future implementation of Phase IV. He provided an update on vaccine eligibility in the Commonwealth and recommended licensees continue to monitor the Commonwealth's COVID-19 site for continuous updates on eligibility. He also mentioned that the Division of Professional Licensure has partnered with the U.S. Small Business Administration to offer an upcoming webinar to licensees regarding the federal Paycheck Protection Program, which offers aid to small businesses. He also spoke about recent staffing departure leaving a temporary shortage of staff for the Board, and encouraged licensees to communicate with the Board by email and utilize the online applications portal to avoid delays with mailing items.

**Board Counsel Report:**

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Atty. Gasson briefly reviewed the progress the Board has made in revising school regulations, and also mentioned that the Governor's Office has asked licensing Boards to look for ways to expedite reciprocity for Military Spouses and Active Duty Military applicants.

### **Minutes of the February 11, 2021 Public Meeting**

After brief discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Talbot, seconded by Ms. Tool, to accept the draft minutes of the public meeting held February 11, 2021 as amended.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Viens (Yes), Ms. Talbot (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Pearson (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), Ms. Stowe (Yes), and Ms. Tool (Yes).

The Motion passed 8-0.

### **Discussion**

#### **Proposed Advanced Courses – Chelmsford Beauty Academy**

The Board reviewed materials for proposed advanced courses from Chelmsford Beauty Academy.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Talbot, seconded by Ms. Pearson, to delegate authority to Ms. Corliss and Board staff to review recommended changes to the enrollment agreement, and then to approve the courses.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Viens (Yes), Ms. Talbot (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Pearson (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), Ms. Stowe (Yes), and Ms. Tool (Yes).

The Motion passed 8-0.

#### **Proposed Advanced Course – Lash Lifts – LaBluh Esthetics Institute**

Rubia de Azeredo from LaBluh Esthetics Institute was present to represent the school regarding its proposed advanced courses.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Tool, seconded by Ms. Talbot, to approve the proposed advanced course on Lash Lifts.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Viens (Yes), Ms. Talbot (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Pearson (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), Ms. Stowe (Yes), and Ms. Tool (Yes).

The Motion passed 8-0.

**Appeal of Student Hours – Kevin Sencion**

Kevin Sencion was in attendance to discuss his appeal of expired student hours from the Essex County Sherriff Department’s Barber Program from 2006-2007. The Board asked Mr. Sencion to obtain proof of these hours. No action was taken.

**Appeal of Examination Results – Armela Iasiello**

The Board reviewed a written request from Armela Iasiello to appeal her written cosmetologist exam.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Tool, to postpone the discussion until Ms. Iasiello could join the meeting.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Viens (Yes), Ms. Talbot (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Pearson (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), Ms. Stowe (Yes), and Ms. Tool (Yes).

The Motion passed 8-0.

**Ali May Student Hours Issues**

The Board discussed issues with former Ali May Academy students having difficulty in determining how many hours they had earned or securing proof that they had completed their program due to the school’s closure.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Tool, seconded by Ms. Pearson, create a teachout/school closure policy for students to determine a process for affected students.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Viens (Yes), Ms. Talbot (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Pearson (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), Ms. Stowe (Yes), and Ms. Tool (Yes).

The Motion passed 8-0.

**Appeal of Examination Results – Armela Iasiello - Continued**

The Board resumed discussion of Ms. Iasiello’s exam appeal after she joined the meeting.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Tool, seconded by Ms. Cohen, to grant Ms. Iasiello’s exam appeal.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Viens (Yes), Ms. Talbot (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Pearson (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), Ms. Stowe (Yes), and Ms. Tool (Yes).

The Motion passed 8-0.

**Review of Aesthetics School Regulations – 240 CMR 5.00**

The Board discussed revisions to 240 CMR 5.00. Discussion items included adding a minimum of 12 students to the school requirements, changes to required equipment, increasing the bond amount based on the number of students enrolled, adding in requirements for school closures, and adding in language regarding brush-up training and advanced courses that mirrors 240 CMR 4.00. A redlined version reflecting these edits will be brought to the next meeting.

**Public Comment**

None

**Executive Session Executive Session CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1), Individual Character Rather Than Competence**

A MOTION was made by Ms. Talbot, seconded by Ms. Tool, to adjourn the public meeting at **12:25 p.m.**, and to enter into **Executive Session** for the purposes of discussing character rather than competence; after which the Board will enter into Quasi-Judicial Session to determine the terms of a Final Decision and Order; and then to enter into Closed Investigative Conference to consider open cases, conduct investigative conferences, and consider settlement offers [closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, § 65C], and the Open Meeting would not resume.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Viens (Yes), Ms. Talbot (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Pearson (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), Ms. Stowe (Yes), and Ms. Tool (Yes).

The Motion passed 8-0.

**Cases, Investigative Conferences, Settlement Offers [Closed Session Pursuant to G.L. c. 112, § 65C]:**

*Ms. Viens left the meeting at or around 1:30 p.m., and Ms. Talbot assumed the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.*

During the closed Investigative Conference, the Board voted to take the following actions:

**Settlement Offers**

2020-000979-IT-ENF                      Guidance Given to Prosecutor

**Review of Cases**

2017-001323-IT-ENF                      Referred to Prosecution

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2020-000225-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2020-001565-IT-ENF	Close Case – Allegations will be addressed in related docket
2020-001121-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2020-000683-IT-ENF	Referred to Prosecution
2021-000102-IT-ENF	Dismissed with Advisory
2020-001667-IT-ENF	Referred to Prosecution
2020-000604-IT-ENF	Referred to Prosecution
2021-000048-IT-ENF	Referred to Prosecution
2020-001624-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2020-000653-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2021-000171-IT-ENF	Referred to Prosecution

**Adjournment**

A MOTION was made by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Corlis to adjourn.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Talbot (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Pearson (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), Ms. Stowe (Yes), and Ms. Tool (Yes).

The Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at or around 2:33 p.m.

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held on April 8, 2021.



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Richard Lawless, Executive Director

**Documents Used During the Meeting:**

Agenda

Draft Minutes of February 11, 2021 Open Meeting

Proposed Advanced Course Documentation from Chelmsford Beauty Academy

Proposed Advanced Course Documentation from LaBluh Esthetics Institute

Correspondence from Kevin Sencion Regarding Appeal of Student Hours Expiration

Exam Appeal documentation for Armela Iasiello

240 CMR 5.00

