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**MINUTES OF THE March 10th, 2022**  
**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 Breedy, and Cate Tool.

Jésus Nuñez, Marian Saluto and Iris Stowe were absent.

**STAFF:** Richard Lawless, Executive Director  
Charles Kilb, Board Counsel  
Seth Henderson, Board Counsel

The Meeting was called to order at **9:30 a.m.** by Ms. Viens. 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 confirmed an extension of the Board's current contract with exam vendor Pearson Vue through May 31, 2022, with the Malden and West Springfield testing sites remaining open through that date. He also gave an update on the Board's contract procurement process.

**Board Counsel Report:**

Atty. Henderson provided more details of the Board's contract extension with Pearson Vue.

**Minutes of the February 10th, 2022 Public Meeting**

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Corliss, seconded by Ms. Cohen, to approve the public minutes of the February 10th, 2022 meeting as drafted.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Viens (Yes), Talbot (Abstain), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Pearson Breedy (Abstain), and Ms. Tool (Yes).

The Motion passed 4-0, with 2 abstaining votes.

### **Discussion**

#### **Proposed New Cosmetology School – Attleboro High School**

The Board reviewed documentation submitted by Attleboro High School for a new vocational cosmetology program.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Talbot, seconded by Ms. Corliss, to delegate authority to Ms. Veins, Ms. Cohen, and Board staff to review updated documentation and, if all requirements are met, to approve the program pending a final inspection.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

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

The Motion passed 6-0.

#### **Proposed New Aesthetics School Floorplan – DiGrigoli School**

The Board reviewed documentation from DiGrigoli School of Cosmetology regarding a proposed new space for an aesthetics program.

After review, a MOTION was made by Ms. Talbot, seconded by Ms. Corliss, to accept the tentative floorplan, and allow the school to move forward with submitting documentation for their proposed aesthetics program.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

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

The Motion passed 6-0.

#### **Eyelash Extensions**

The Board reviewed submitted written comments from industry professionals regarding the regulation of eyelash extensions, with the goal of reducing unlicensed practice. The Board reiterated its stance that a cosmetologist or aesthetician license is required to provide eyelash extensions, and discussed the possibility of a sublicense for eyelash extensions with a mandated

curriculum, as well as enforcement against current unlicensed practitioners. No formal decisions were made.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Talbot, seconded by Ms. Tool, to table the discussion until next month's meeting.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

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

The Motion passed 6-0.

### **School Transfer Hours**

Mr. Lawless asked the Board for clarification on its recent vote to rescind the Policy on Expired Incomplete Education, and for confirmation that the Board was permitting transfer hours to be determined individually by schools.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Talbot, seconded by Ms. Tool, to remove the Board's Transfer Hours Form from its website, and to permit schools to handle transfer hours without the Board's involvement.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

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

The Motion passed 6-0.

### **Reciprocity**

The Board continued its discussion on reciprocity, focusing on situations where a licensee in another state completed a non-school training program that would be considered the equivalent of the Board's school hour requirement in that state. The Board also discussed situations where a licensee is licensed in a state without equivalent requirements to Massachusetts, and situations where a licensee has had significant discipline, including probation, suspension or a voluntary surrender.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Talbot, seconded by Ms. Tool, to approve the policy.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

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

The Motion passed 6-0.

### **Electrology Regulations – 240 CMR 11.00**

A MOTION was made by Ms. Tool, seconded by Ms. Talbot, to table this discussion until the next meeting.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

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

The Motion passed 6-0.

### **Public Comment**

Lirazol Allie from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School disagreed with the Board's decision to phase out the practical examination, saying that it would make salons less safe. She also recommended that eyelash extensions should only be included under the Board's current cosmetology/aesthetics licenses, and not under a sublicense.

Katherine Kapoutsos from Elevate Academy expressed support for an eyelash license connected to a 100-hour program, pointing out that individuals can attend a 100 hour manicuring course at a cosmetology school and obtain a manicurist license.

### **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 **10:56 a.m.**, and to enter into **Executive Session, closed per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1)**, for the purposes of discussing character rather than competence; and then to move 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), Talbot (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Pearson Breedy (Yes), and Ms. Tool (Yes).

The Motion passed 6-0.

*Ms. Pearson Breedy left the meeting at or around 11:00 a.m.*

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

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

**Application Review**

2021-160-HD-F-APP	Guidance given to Staff
2022-30-HD-OS-APP	Application Denied

**Review of Cases**

2021-001176-IT-ENF	Referred to Prosecutions
2021-001178-IT-ENF	Referred to Prosecutions
2021-001215-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2021-001220-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2022-000006-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2022-000007-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2022-000012-IT-ENF	Referred to Prosecutions
2022-000042-IT-ENF	Dismissed with Advisory
2022-000061-IT-ENF	Referred to Prosecutions
2022-000089-IT-ENF	Referred to Prosecutions
2022-000105-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2019-001313-IT-ENF	Dismissed

**Adjournment**

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

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

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

The Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held on April 14, 2022.



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Richard Lawless, Executive Director

**Documents Used During the Meeting:**

Agenda

Draft Minutes of February 10, 2022 Open Meeting

Documentation from Attleboro High School

Minutes of March 10, 2022, Board of Cosmetology and Barbering

Documentation from DiGrigoli School  
Written Comments on Eyelash Extensions  
Board Draft Policy on Reciprocity