

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF COSMETOLOGY and BARBERING
MINUTES OF THE June 23, 2020 BOARD MEETING

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Call

PRESENT: Susan Viens (Chair), Joy Talbot (Vice Chair), Amanda Donis (Secretary),
Janice Dorian, Marian Saluto, and Catherine Tool.
Jésus Nuñez, Erinn Pearson, and Iris Stowe Absent.

STAFF: Richard Lawless, Executive Director
Deborah Cassano, Associate Executive Director
Lynn Read, Board Counsel

The Meeting was called to order at **9:30 a.m.** by Ms. Viens

Housekeeping:

Ms. Viens explained protocol for the conference call.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Lawless gave an update on Phase 2, Step 2 of the Commonwealth's Mandatory Safety Standards for reopening cosmetology businesses, which includes Close Contact Personal Services.

Executive Counsel Report

Atty. Read spoke about the enforcement of the Commonwealth's Mandatory Safety Standards.

Discussion

Testing Center Reopening

Barbara Sprindis from Pearson Vue gave the Board an overview on reopening testing centers with estimates on daily capacity under Commonwealth's Mandatory Safety Standards. To help address the backlog of candidates and capacity limitations, Pearson Vue is exploring opening its testing centers for additional days each week.

Temporary Work Permits for Exam Candidates

The Board discussed issuing temporary work permits for candidates waiting to take their exams. It was decided that the temporary permits should be separate from the Apprentice and Shop-

Employed Student registrations, which apply to current students who have not finished their education.

After further discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Talbot, seconded by Ms. Donis to approve an application process for students who have completed their education programs to apply for a temporary authorization to work.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Viens (Yes), Ms. Talbot (Yes), Ms. Donis (Yes), Ms. Dorian (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), and Ms. Tool (Yes)

The Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Lynn Liles, an instructor from Franklin County Technical School asked the Board when vocational teachers could return to their schools. The Board advised her that she should check with her school's administration for more information.

Leslie Sica, an electrology student, asked about the processing times for temporary work permits.

Kelly Medina, Head of the Plymouth South High School Cosmetology Department, asked if students can directly apply for temporary work permits rather than the applications coming from the school, and was advised that students can directly apply as long as they have all of the required paperwork from their school.

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

A MOTION was made by Ms. Talbot, seconded by Ms. Dorian, to adjourn the public meeting at **10:55am**, and to go into **Investigative Conference** for the purposes of discussing Open Cases, and to not resume public session.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Viens (Yes), Ms. Talbot (Yes), Ms. Donis (Yes), Ms. Dorian (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), and Ms. Tool (Yes)

The Motion passed unanimously.

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

Review of Cases

2019-001249-IT-ENF	Referred to Prosecution
2020-000568-IT-ENF	Dismissed

A MOTION was made by Ms. Dorian, second by Ms. Talbot to Adjourn.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at **11:53 a.m.**

The above Minutes were approved at
the open meeting held on July 14, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Lawless', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Lawless, Executive Director

Documents Used During the meeting:

Agenda

Proposed Policy for Temporary Work Authorizations