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MINUTES OF THE Dec 12th, 2024
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Call / Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Joy Talbot (Chair), Nicole Corliss, Cassia Gilroy, Toni Harrison, Iris Stowe, Heather Cohen, Marian Saluto (arrived late)

ABSENT: Erinn Breedy

STAFF: Colleen Maloney, Acting Executive Director
Jamie Dalton, Board Counsel

The Meeting was called to order at **9:32 a.m.** by the Chair. All board members and staff appeared telephonically or by videoconference.

The Chair informed Board members and attendees that the public meeting was being recorded. Anthony Clemente on behalf of the Mass Association of Cosmetology Schools is also recording.

Housekeeping and Conference Call Protocol:

The Chair reviewed conference call and open meeting protocol with meeting attendees.

The Chair welcomed Colleen Maloney who is filling in for Richard Lawless

Executive Director Report

Acting ED Colleen Maloney noted that Richard Lawless is back on Monday, and thanked the Board for their help while filling in.

Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel had no legal news to report.

Minutes of the November 14th, 2024 Public Meeting



Minutes of the September meeting are expected to be presented to the Board for review before the December meeting. Chair made a suggestion to correct the draft November minutes. A MOTION to approve the November minutes with that correction was made by Ms. Corliss, seconded by Ms. Stowe.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Harrison (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Gilroy (Yes), Ms. Stowe (Yes), and Ms. Talbot (Yes).

The Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion

Bonds

The Board continued discussions of exploring options for increasing the Bond requirements for Schools. The Chair mentioned tying the amount to the number of chairs and maximum number of students a school could have. Members expressed support for this approach. Discussion was tabled until February.

Marian Saluto joined the meeting at 9:43.

PSI

Members discussed conversations with PSI from their exam review meetings. PSI will be rolling out new questions in March. The Board requested pass rates from PSI across the board including lapsed licenses. The Chair provided new member Ms. Harrison with a historical overview of the pass rate concerns. The Board would like this information from PSI by February.

Public Comment:

Linda Clairmont, Executive Director of Workforce Education at Berkshire Community College: She would like to link BCC to Taconic High School, which is already licensed for Cosmetology. Chair noted she can share space, but will need to have her own license as they are separate entities in the same facility. Ms. Clairmont will continue conversations with the staff regarding next steps for opening.

Nagat Narsa from Crest Collaborative requested an update on the current Cosmetology regulations. Specifically, Ms. Narsa noted that she has been working with the Board to get approval for a Cosmetology program at Crest Collaborative with fewer than 15 seats, as the school is exclusively dedicated to students with disabilities.

Joseph Baylon inquired about the status of an application he submitted. He is working on opening Crystiany Guilherme Academy. The Chair provided some guidance and directed him to continue working with Board staff on updates to his student handbook and course catalog.

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

A MOTION was made by Ms. Gilroy seconded by Ms. Saluto, to adjourn the public meeting at **10:10 a.m.**, and to enter into **Executive Session, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, Section § 21(a)(1)** to discuss individuals' character rather than competence; and then to move into **Closed Investigative Conference, closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, § 65C**, to consider open cases, conduct investigative conferences, and consider settlement offers;

and the Open Meeting would not resume.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Harrison (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Gilroy (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), Ms. Stowe (Yes), and Ms. Talbot (Yes).

The Motion passed 6-0.

Closed Investigative Conference, closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, § 65C

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

Quasi-Judicial Session CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 18

Investigative Conference CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C

2024-000656-IT-ENF	Dismiss
2024-000722-IT-ENF	Dismiss w/ advisory
2024-000726-IT-ENF	Dismiss
2024-000733-IT-ENF	Refer to prosecutions
2024-000732-IT-ENF	Refer to prosecutions
2024-000737-IT-ENF	Refer to prosecutions
2024-000790-IT-ENF	Refer to prosecutions
2024-000806-IT-ENF	Dismiss
2024-000841-IT-ENF	Refer to prosecutions

Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Ms. Corliss, seconded by Ms. Breedy, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:10 p.m.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Harrison (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Gilroy (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), Ms. Stowe (Yes), and Ms. Talbot (Yes).

The Motion passed 6-0.

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held

Colleen Maloney

Colleen Maloney, Acting Executive Director

Documents Used During the Meeting:

November 2024 Meeting Draft Minutes
Agenda
Eyelash Draft Regulations

