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MINUTES OF THE April 10, 2025
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

TIME: 9:31 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Call / Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Joy Talbot (Chair), Erinn Breedy, Heather Cohen, Nicole Corliss, Cassia Gilroy, ToniAnne Harrison, Samuel Pierre, Marian Saluto

ABSENT: Iris Stowe

STAFF: Richard Lawless, Executive Director
Jamie Dalton, Board Counsel

The Meeting was called to order at **9:33 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.

Housekeeping and Conference Call Protocol

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

Executive Director Report

Mr. Lawless reported that the Division of Occupational Licensure completed its move to its new location at One Federal Street in Boston.

Board Counsel Report

Attorney Dalton reported that the state legislature passed an extension of the remote meeting provision through February 2027, so the Board can continue to meet remotely.

Minutes of the March 13, 2025 Public Meeting



A MOTION was made by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Pierre, to approve the March 13, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes as drafted.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Breedy (Abstain), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Gilroy (Yes), Ms. Harrison (Yes), Mr. Pierre (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), and Ms. Talbot (Yes).

The Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion

Proposed Change of Ownership for Advanced School, Proposed Advanced Courses, and Proposed Updated Aesthetics Curriculum – Catherine Hinds Institute

Maureen Russell and Kristen Magnell were in attendance from Catherine Hinds Institute regarding the school's proposed change of ownership, new advanced courses, and updated aesthetics curriculum.

The Board reviewed the school's documents and provided minor revisions.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Corliss, seconded by Ms. Saluto, to delegate approval of the advanced school ownership change to Board staff, contingent on the school meeting all requirements; to approve the proposed Advanced Courses, and to allow the school to administer the advanced courses at its Aesthetics School location upon the future closure of the Advanced School location; and to approve the updated 600-hour aesthetics curriculum.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Breedy (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Gilroy (Yes), Ms. Harrison (Yes), Mr. Pierre (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), and Ms. Talbot (Yes).

The Motion passed 8-0.

Proposed Manicuring School – Briller Academy

Alex Santana and Jenniffer Ramos were in attendance to discuss their proposed manicuring school.

The Board reviewed the school's documents and provided revisions.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Pierre, to delegate approval of the school to Board staff, contingent on the school meeting all requirements for licensure, including updated documents incorporating the Board's requested revisions, an inspection, and completed application.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Breedy (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Gilroy (Yes), Ms. Harrison (Yes), Mr. Pierre (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), and Ms. Talbot (Yes).

The Motion passed 8-0.

Proposed Advanced School – Best Advanced Academy

Davilla Silveira was in attendance to discuss their proposed advanced school.

The Board reviewed the school's documents and provided revisions.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve the proposed courses, with the exception of the radiofrequency and hi-intensity ultrasound course, and to postpone the review of the chemical peels course pending more information on tranexamic acid.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Breedy (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Gilroy (Yes), Ms. Harrison (Yes), Mr. Pierre (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), and Ms. Talbot (Yes).

The Motion passed 8-0.

After further discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Pierre, to delegate approval of the school to Board staff, contingent on the school meeting all requirements for licensure, including updated documents incorporating the Board's requested revisions, an inspection, and completed application

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Breedy (Absent), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Gilroy (Yes), Ms. Harrison (Yes), Mr. Pierre (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), and Ms. Talbot (Yes).

The Motion passed 7-0.

Updated PSI Exams

Mr. Lawless shared proposed updated content outlines for PSI exams that reflected the work of national panels, including Board members, to ensure that the exams reflect current industry standards, with an increased focus on safety and infection control. The Board expressed interest in keeping the current versions of the Cosmetology and Barbering exams, which were revised by Board members, for the time being, until data was available on the pass rates of PSI's updated versions in other states.

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After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Corliss, seconded by Ms. Cohen, to approve the updated exams for Aesthetics, Manicuring and Electrology to go into effect on August 1.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Breedy (Absent), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Gilroy (Yes), Ms. Harrison (Yes), Mr. Pierre (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), and Ms. Talbot (Yes).

The Motion passed 7-0.

Updates to Policy on Mobile Services

The Board reviewed its Mobile Services policy, discussing the requirements of service sinks and scope of services for barbering in remote locations.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Saluto, to approve the updated policy prohibiting shaving with a straight razor from mobile barbering services.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Breedy (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Gilroy (Yes), Ms. Harrison (Yes), Mr. Pierre (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), and Ms. Talbot (Yes).

The Motion passed 8-0.

Public Comment:

Keilianys asked about the status of a proposed eyelash license. Ms. Talbot responded that the Board is working on creating new regulations for an eyelash license, and that this will take some time.

Nagat Nasra from CREST Collaborative asked about the status of proposed regulations that would exempt a school serving students with disabilities from current equipment and premises requirements. Atty. Dalton explained that regulation changes can take a long time.

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. Cohen, to adjourn the public meeting at 12:30 p.m., and 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 enter into **Closed Investigative Conference, 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. Breedy (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Gilroy (Yes), Ms. Harrison (Yes), Mr. Pierre (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), and Ms. Talbot (Yes).

The Motion passed 8-0.

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:

Settlements

2024-000845-IT-ENF	Guidance given to prosecutor
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Review of Cases

2025-000138-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2025-000186-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2025-000187-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2025-000188-IT-ENF	Dismissed
2025-000246-IT-ENF	Referred for Prosecution
2024-204071-FI-ENF	Referred for Prosecution
2024-204560-FI-ENF	Dismissed with an Advisory

Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Ms. Saluto, seconded by Ms. Breedy, to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Breedy (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Gilroy (Yes), Ms. Harrison (Yes), Mr. Pierre (Yes), Ms. Saluto (Yes), and Ms. Talbot (Yes).

The Motion passed 8-0.

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held on May 8, 2025.

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

Richard Lawless, Executive Director

Documents Used During the Meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes of March 13, 2025 Public Meeting

Documents from Catherine Hinds Institute

Documents from Briller Academy

Documents from Best Advanced Academy

PSI Exam Documents

Draft Revised Policy on Mobile Services