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**MINUTES OF THE November 3**  
**PUBLIC EYELASH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Conference Call / Virtual Meeting

**PRESENT:** Cate Tool (Chair), Heather Cohen, Nicole Corliss, Katherine Kapoutsos, Shelley Kilty, Larissa Ruggiero

**ABSENT:** Erinn Breedy

**STAFF:** Richard Lawless, Executive Director  
Kristina Gasson, Deputy General Counsel for Boards and Hearings

The Meeting was called to order at **10:00 a.m.** by Mr. Lawless. All board members and staff appeared telephonically or by videoconference.

**Meeting and Subcommittee Member Protocol:**

Mr. Lawless reviewed protocols for remote meetings and conduct of subcommittee members.

**Election of Chair**

Mr. Lawless asked for nominations for a subcommittee chair.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Corliss, to nominate and approve Cate Tool as subcommittee chair.

Mr. Lawless called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Tool (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Kapoutsos (Yes), Ms. Kilty (Yes), and Ms. Ruggiero (Yes).

The Motion passed 7-0.

**Remarks by Chair:**

The Chair thanked the subcommittee for the nomination and spoke on the subcommittee's chief objective of consumer protection as guidance for discussions.

**Discussion**

**Requirements and Training for Providing Eyelash Extensions**

The Chair asked subcommittee members to provide their general opinions on the regulation of eyelash extensions. Subcommittee members shared their experiences and perspectives on eyelash extensions. Some concerns were expressed over a separate eyelash license unnecessarily carving up the professions of cosmetology and aesthetics, but members also expressed concerns at the high numbers of unlicensed practitioners. Public attendees were also recognized by the chair to provide general comments, during which an exam requirement was suggested, with the possibility of honoring legacy practitioners who have experience in the field but are not licensed.

The subcommittee's consensus was that a separate eyelash sublicense is preferred. Mr. Lawless advised the subcommittee that if they would like to move in this direction, they should focus on developing a standard curriculum and minimum education requirement for an eyelash sublicense.

Subcommittee members discussed training requirements and focused on a 100-hour curriculum that included eyelash lifting and tinting would be acceptable. Subcommittee members also discussed the amount of hours that could be conducted through remote education.

Mr. Lawless suggested that the subcommittee consider a reduced length curriculum in order to encourage compliance from unlicensed practitioners.

The subcommittee gave direction to Mr. Lawless to research the possibility of an examination with the Board's exam vendor PSI. The Chair asked the subcommittee to consider an 80-hour curriculum vs. a 100-hour curriculum and to begin thinking about the structure of the curriculum for the next meeting, as well as the requirements for a school to offer an eyelash program.

The Chair asked for final thoughts from subcommittee members and the public. Members of the public asked about reciprocity if Massachusetts were to offer a 100-hour eyelash program while other states offer shorter programs.

**Subcommittee Meeting Schedule**

The subcommittee discussed its schedule for future meetings.

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Corliss, to hold future subcommittee meetings on the first Thursday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Tool (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Kapoutsos (Yes), Ms. Kilty (Yes), and Ms. Ruggiero (Yes).

The Motion passed 7-0.

**Adjournment**

A MOTION was made by Ms. Corliss, seconded by Ms. Cohen to adjourn at 12:02 p.m.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Ms. Tool (Yes), Ms. Cohen (Yes), Ms. Corliss (Yes), Ms. Kapoutsos (Yes), Ms. Kilty (Yes), and Ms. Ruggiero (Yes).

The Motion passed 7-0.

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held on December 1, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Lawless', written over a horizontal line.

Richard Lawless, Executive Director

**Documents Used During the Meeting:**

Agenda

Written Comments from Industry Professionals on Eyelash Extensions