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MINUTES OF THE April 6, 2023
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
Jamie Dalton, Board Counsel

The Meeting was called to order at **10:03 a.m.** by the Chair. All board members and staff appeared telephonically or by videoconference. Mr. Lawless informed all meeting attendees that the meeting was being recorded.

Meeting and Subcommittee Member Protocol:

The Chair reviewed virtual meeting protocol and reiterated that the meeting was being recorded.

Approval of Public Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2023:

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Corliss, seconded by Ms. Cohen, to approve the public meeting minutes from the March 2, 2023 subcommittee meeting as drafted.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

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

The Motion passed 6-0.



Discussion

Legacy Eyelash Providers

Mr. Lawless asked if the subcommittee would consider a pathway for individuals who have been providing eyelash extensions to obtain an eyelash registration without going to school for 80 hours, for a limited window of time.

Ms. Tool also asked subcommittee members to provide feedback on the draft summary document of eyelash registration requirements. Some subcommittee members expressed opposition to allowing legacy registrations, while other members said that the subcommittee should anticipate legal roadblocks and potential opposition in creating an eyelash registration process, and should consider a pathway for individuals who have been working with eyelash registrations without issue.

No formal action was taken.

Reciprocity

The subcommittee discussed how to handle individuals who have eyelash registrations or experience outside of Massachusetts applying for an eyelash registration in Massachusetts. Mr. Lawless said that the subcommittee's 80-hour school requirement does create issues as other neighboring states like Connecticut only require 50 hours of education.

The subcommittee concluded that individuals licensed in other states as a cosmetologist or aesthetician that include eyelash extensions within their scope of practice can obtain a cosmetology or aesthetician license in Massachusetts and can provide eyelash extensions under that license. The subcommittee also concluded that individuals who have an eyelash registration in another state would need to complete at least 80 hours of training in order to qualify for a registration in Massachusetts, and that they would need to make up any deficiency of training hours in a school.

Board Input

The subcommittee gave direction to staff to request the Board's input on pathways for legacy candidates, and to bring the Board's recommendations to the next subcommittee meeting.

Ms. Tool also asked the subcommittee to consider adding an eyewash station and magnifying lens to the equipment requirements for eyelash schools.

Public Comment:

Joanna Rosalee asked if they would need to take additional courses in order to provide eyelash extensions if they were licensed as an aesthetician in 2016. She also provided information on Connecticut's aesthetician licensure process, stating that an infection control course was required for legacy aestheticians obtaining initial licensure, and that the CT Board only permitted aesthetics licensure by legacy/work experience for a limited period of time, and now requires all candidates to attend school.

John DiFilippo from Chi'Lash Eyelash School stated that a bill to create an eyelash registration was previously filed in Rhode Island, but did not become law.

Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Ms. Corliss seconded by Ms. Cohen to adjourn at 11:56 a.m.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

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

The Motion passed 6-0.

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held on May 4, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Lawless', written in a cursive style.

Richard Lawless, Executive Director

Documents Used During the Meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes of March 2, 2023 Subcommittee Meeting

Draft Summary of Proposed Eyelash Extension Rules