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**MINUTES OF THE May 4, 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

**ABSENT:** Erinn Breedy, Larissa Ruggiero

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

The Meeting was called to order at **10:02 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.

Mr. Lawless spoke briefly about attending a meeting of Cosmetology and Barbering Board Executive Directors from other states, and reported that other states were also having similar discussions about how to handle eyelash extensions.

**Approval of Public Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2023:**

After discussion, a MOTION was made by Ms. Corliss, seconded by Ms. Cohen, to approve the public meeting minutes from the April 6, 2023 subcommittee meeting as drafted.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

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



The Motion passed 4-0.

*Ms. Kilty joined the meeting at or around 10:07 a.m.*

### **Discussion**

#### **Legacy Eyelash Providers**

Mr. Lawless reported the Board's consensus to the subcommittee, confirming that the Board would prefer a temporary alternate pathway to compliance for individuals who have work experience or training in eyelash extensions.

Some subcommittee members said that the Board has historically not been clear on its stance on eyelash extensions, so the imposing of new rules would potentially be met with backlash from individuals who have been providing eyelash extensions. Subcommittee members expressed concerns that any concessions or alternatives to the determined 80-hour educational requirement would be putting the public at risk. Other subcommittee members pointed out that exceptions to the 80-hour requirement for individuals who had previously been working in the field would be temporary and would be to address people currently working, and that the rules would be clear going forward.

Subcommittee members discussed how to handle workers who have experience with eyelash extensions but not eyelash lifting and tinting. They also discussed having eyelash schools evaluate an individual's previous education and crediting some of the 80 hours.

The subcommittee tabled this topic, with no formal action taken.

The Chair also requested that the eyelash school equipment requirements be modified to include eyewash, lighting and magnifying equipment sufficient for course attendees.

#### **Public Comment:**

Joanna Rosalee asked about a potential timeline for new eyelash rules to take effect. The subcommittee responded that it would be difficult to give an accurate estimate, given the multiple levels of approval any new eyelash rules would need to go through to be finalized.

### **Adjournment**

A MOTION was made by Ms. Corliss, seconded by Ms. Kapoutsos, to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

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

The Motion passed 5-0.

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held on June 1, 2023.



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Richard Lawless, Executive Director

**Documents Used During the Meeting:**

Agenda

Draft Minutes of April 6, 2023 Subcommittee Meeting

Draft Summary of Proposed Eyelash Extension Rules