BOARD FOR BARBERS AND COSMETOLOGY

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Board for Barbers and Cosmetology met at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, August 3, 2026, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation Offices, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 2, Richmond, Virginia.

The following board members were present:

Gregory Edwards
Marques Blackmon
Jaime Turgeon
Claudia Espinoza
Kimberly Lewis
Candice Benvenuti

The following board members were not present:

Oanh Pham Kim "Tina" Dang
Kailey Blakeney
Emmanuel Gayot
Rita Lampkin

The following DPOR staff present for all or part of the meeting:

Laura McClintock, Director
Stephen Kirschner, Director, Licensing & Regulatory Programs
Ashley Reed, Executive Director
Heather Garnett, Licensing Operations Administrator
Joseph Haughwout, Regulatory Affairs Manager
Camryn Fried, Administrative Coordinator

A representative from the Office of the Attorney General was present at the meeting.

A Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation liaison was not present at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Edwards, Board Chair, determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Mr. Edwards read the Department of Professional & Occupational Regulations' mission statement and announced several meeting reminders.

EMERGENCY EGRESS

Ms. Reed explained the emergency egress procedure for boardroom 2.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board took the agenda under consideration.

Ms. Turgeon motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Benvenuti.

The members voting "yes" were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Espinoza, Ms. Lewis, and Ms. Benvenuti. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board took the Board meeting minutes on May 18, 2026, under consideration.

Ms. Turgeon motioned to approve the minutes from May 18, 2026, seconded by Ms. Espinoza.

The members voting "yes" were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Espinoza, Ms. Lewis, and Ms. Benvenuti. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Reed called the Board's attention to the communications found in the electronic agenda, including

Email from Linsay Taylor, request for spray tanning regulation in Virginia. There were no discussions or questions from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CASES

Licensing

File Number 2026-02066, Tyler Christopher Brown

In the matter of File Number **2026-02066, Tyler Christopher Brown**, board members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the informal fact-finding conference summary, transcript, and exhibits.

Tyler Christopher Brown appeared at the meeting in person and addressed the Board.

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Ms. Turgeon motioned to accept the recommendation and approve Tyler Christopher Brown's application for a tattoo license, seconded by Mr. Blackmon.

There was no Board discussion.

The members voting "yes" were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Benvenuti, Ms. Espinoza, and Ms. Lewis. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

File Number 2026-00370, Christopher Lee Angus

In the matter of File Number **2026-00370, Christopher Lee Angus**, board members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the informal fact-finding conference summary, transcript, and exhibits.

Christopher Lee Angus did not appear at the meeting in person, by counsel, or by any other qualified representative.

Mr. Blackmon motioned to reject the recommendation and deny Christopher Lee Angus's application for a master barber license, seconded by Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards moved to withdraw the motion on the floor.

Ms. Lewis motioned to accept the recommendation and approve Christopher Lee Angus's application for a master barber license, seconded by Mr. Blackmon.

There was no Board discussion.

The members voting "yes" were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Benvenuti, Ms. Espinoza, and Ms. Lewis. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

File Number 2026-00992, Cassidy Nichole Ventres

In the matter of File Number **2026-00992, Cassidy Nichole Ventres**, board members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the informal fact-finding conference summary, transcript, and exhibits.

Cassidy Nichole Ventres appeared at the meeting in person and addressed the Board.

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Ms. Turgeon motioned to accept the recommendation and approve Cassidy Nichole Ventres's application for a barber license, seconded by Ms. Benvenuti.

There was no Board discussion.

The members voting "yes" were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Benvenuti, Ms. Espinoza, and Ms. Lewis. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

File Number 2025-03121, Steven Wayne Walker

In the matter of File Number **2025-03121, Steven Wayne Walker**, board members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the informal fact-finding conference summary, transcript, and exhibits.

Steven Wayne Walker did not appear at the meeting in person, by counsel, or by any other qualified representative.

Ms. Turgeon motioned to accept the recommendation and deny Steven Wayne Walker's application for a barber instructor license, seconded by Ms. Benvenuti.

There was no Board discussion.

The members voting "yes" were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Benvenuti, Ms. Espinoza, and Ms. Lewis. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

File Number 2026-01683, Isaiah Christian Landry

In the matter of File Number **2026-01683, Isaiah Christian Landry**, board members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the informal fact-finding conference summary, transcript, and exhibits.

Isaiah Christian Landry did not appear at the meeting in person, by counsel, or by any other qualified representative.

Mr. Blackmon motioned to accept the recommendation and approve Isaiah Christian Landry's application for a master barber license, seconded by Ms. Turgeon.

There was no Board discussion.

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The members voting "yes" were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Benvenuti, Ms. Espinoza, and Ms. Lewis. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

Break at 9:57 a.m.

Disciplinary

File Number 2025-02825, Laurie Ann Layman

In the matter of File Number **2025-02825, Laurie Ann Layman**, the board had several unexpected board member absences and was unable to consider the case. The case is to be continued at the November 9, 2026, Board meeting.

File Number 2026-00001, Ana Delmy Nolasco Martinez

In the matter of File Number **2026-00001, Ana Delmy Nolasco Martinez**, the board had several unexpected board member absences and was unable to consider the case. The case is to be continued at the November 9, 2026, Board meeting.

File Number 2026-00136, Fenil Shah

In the matter of File Number **2026-00136, Fenil Shah,** the board had several unexpected board member absences and was unable to consider the case. The case is to be continued at the November 9, 2026, Board meeting.

File Number 2025-02582 August Enterprises, Inc t/a TJ's Dermagraphics

In the matter of File Number **2025-02582 August Enterprises, Inc t/a TJ's Dermagraphics**, the board members reviewed the disciplinary case.
A representative from August Enterprises, Inc t/a TJ's Dermagraphics did not appear at the meeting in person, by counsel, or by any other qualified representative.

Mr. Blackmon motioned to find violations for Count 1 and finding no violations for Count 2, seconded by Ms. Turgeon.

The members voting "yes" were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Benvenuti, Ms. Espinoza, and Ms. Lewis. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

Mr. Blackmon motioned to reject the recommended sanctions due to the severity of August Enterprises Inc's violation of Count 1, including not responding to Board staff requests and operating an unlicensed tattoo school, seconded by Ms. Turgeon.

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The violations and monetary penalties were:

Count 1: 18 VAC 41-50-420.4 $500.00

The Board also imposed license revocation for violation of Count 1.

The members voting "yes" were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Benvenuti, Ms. Espinoza, and Ms. Lewis. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

File Number 2025-01892, Darryl Anthony Penick

In the matter of File Number **2025-01892, Darryl Anthony Penick**, the board members reviewed the disciplinary case.

Darryl Anthony Penick did not appear at the meeting in person, by counsel, or by any other qualified representative.

Mr. Blackmon motioned to find a violation for Count 1, seconded by Ms. Turgeon.
The members voting "yes" were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Benvenuti, Ms. Espinoza, and Ms. Lewis. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

Mr. Blackmon motioned to accept the recommended monetary penalties and sanctions for Count 1 and revoke the license, seconded by Ms. Turgeon.

The violations and monetary penalties were:
Count 1: 18 VAC 41-20-280.4 $1,250

The sanctions for Count 1 were revocation of the license.

The members voting "yes" were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Benvenuti, Ms. Espinoza, and Ms. Lewis. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Examination Statistics

Ms. Garnett called the board's attention to the examination statistics provided in the electronic agenda.

Regulatory Report

Ms. Reed called the board's attention to the regulatory report found in the electronic agenda. Mr. Haughwout provided additional updates

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concerning the amendments to the body-piercing and ear-piercing school action.

Director of Licensing and Regulatory Programs Report

Ms. Reed presented the executive directors' report, which was provided in the electronic agenda. Ms. Reed also informed the Board of staff changes.

REGULATORY ACTION AND BOARD GUIDANCE

Regulatory Committee Board Member Participants

Ms. Reed informed the Board of the need to reestablish the regulatory committee to discuss body piercing and ear-piercing school curricula.

Ms. Turgeon moved to convene a standing regulatory committee, seconded by Ms. Benvenuti.

The members voting "yes" were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Benvenuti, Ms. Espinoza, and Ms. Lewis. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

Regulatory Review Committee members are Mr. Edwards, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Benvenuti, and Ms. Lewis.

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NEW BUSINESS

Procell Microchanneling

Ms. Reed discussed the Procell Therapies device and the term microchanneling. Ms. Reed also referred to the definition of esthetics and master esthetics found in Code of Virginia 54.1-700. Procell microchanneling device uses different tips, which determines if the device can be used by Master Estheticians.

Ms. Turgeon explained the function of the Procell device and requested that its use be added to the scope of practice for master estheticians.

Mr. Kirschner and Ms. Reed informed the Board that the device could be used by master estheticians for dermabrasion and informed the Board that the legislator sets the scope of practice; the Board cannot set the scope of practice for esthetics and master esthetics.

The regulatory review committee will discuss this item at their meeting.

Approval of Investigations Guidance Document

Ms. Reed invited Mr. Darden, Director of Investigations, to discuss the revised Investigations Guidance Document. This document outlines the standards of practice and conduct across the Boards regulated professions and guides investigators in determining whether a technical review by a board member is required prior to recommending a potential violation of the SPC to the Board or closing a complaint.

The Board discussed the revised guidance document.

Ms. Turgeon moved to adopt the guidance document as amended, seconded by Ms. Benvenuti.

The members voting “yes” were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Benvenuti, Ms. Espinoza, and Ms. Lewis. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

Break at 11:07 a.m.

Board Meeting Schedule for 2027

Ms. Reed proposed a revised board meeting schedule allowing compliance and investigations additional opportunity for the Board to consider additional cases within the required timeframe. The revised schedule will add one additional meeting, resulting in five meetings instead of four per year.

Ms. Turgeon moved to approve the revised board meeting schedule as presented, seconded by Mr. Blackmon.

The members voting “yes” were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Benvenuti, Ms. Espinoza, and Ms. Lewis. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

Qualifications for Licensure- Military Training and Education

Mr. Kirschner informed the Board of § 54.1-118. Qualifications for licensure, etc.; substantially equivalent military training and education.

Mr. Kirschner suggested amending 18 VAC 41-20-20.3 from two years of experience to one year of experience, aligning with civilian standards.

Ms. Turgeon motioned to amend 18 VAC 41-20-20.3, seconded by Ms. Benvenuti.

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The members voting "yes" were Mr. Edwards, Mr. Blackmon, Ms. Turgeon, Ms. Benvenuti, Ms. Espinoza, and Ms. Lewis. There were no negative votes. The motion carried.

Board Member Professional Development

Mr. Kirschner presented the Board Member Professional Development presentation and informed the Board Members of their roles and responsibilities.

REMINDERS

Next Board Meeting

Mr. Edwards reminded the Board of the next board meeting scheduled for November 9, 2026, and Board member training on-site at DPOR for October 22 and 23, 2026.

Adjournment

There being no further business brought before the Board, Mr. Edwards adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

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Gregory Edwards, Board Chair

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Laura McClintock, Board Secretary

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