

**BOARD FOR BARBERS & COSMETOLOGY
STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRAINING**

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Board for Barbers & Cosmetology Standing Committee on Training met on Monday, September 20, 2021, immediately following the full Board Meeting at the Offices of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Board Room 2, Richmond, Virginia. The following Board members were present:

Gilda Acosta
Lonnie Quesenberry
Matthew D. Roberts
Sandra Smith

DPOR staff present for the meeting included:

Stephen Kirschner, Executive Director
Joseph Crook, Regulatory Operations Administrator
Amy Goobic, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m.

Call To Order

Mr. Roberts asked for public comments.

Public Comment

Ms. Christine Werne, Owner and Director of Education, The Chrysm Institute of Esthetics, Virginia Beach, was present to address the Committee. She discussed her concerns regarding the potential use of stackable credentials by the Board.

Mr. Kirschner relayed comments from several school owners regarding concerns about the stackable credential model. Schools had stated that it makes sense for cosmetology, but could negatively impact esthetics schools, particularly if it required them to drop below 600 hours. Schools were also concerned that their training model and effectiveness would be diminished if required to teach all subjects in a certain order. There was also concern about how these changes would impact their accreditation.

Discussion

The Committee discussed the concerns raised by the schools and alternative ways to enact stackable credentials without disrupting the schools. Mr. Kirschner stated that staff would contact several accrediting agencies to gain a better understanding of the potential impacts of a change on the schools. At the request of the committee, Mr. Kirschner stated staff can also bring draft regulations reflecting stackable credentials for the Committee to better see how the model would look if adopted.

Ms. Smith left the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Departure of
Board Member

There being no other discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Adjourn


Matthew D. Roberts, Board Chair


Mary Broz-Vaughan, Board Secretary