

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Board for Barbers & Cosmetology Standing Committee on Training met on Monday, March 14, 2022, immediately following the full Board Meeting at the Offices of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Board Room 4, Richmond, Virginia. The following Board members were present:

Gilda Acosta
Oanh Pham Kim “Tina” Dang
Emmanuel Gayot
Margaret B. LaPierre
Alfred O. Mayes
Lonnie Quesenberry
Matthew D. Roberts
Sandra Smith

DPOR staff present for the meeting included:

Demetrios J. Melis, Director
Stephen Kirschner, Executive Director
Tamika Rodriguez, Regulatory Operations Administrator
Amy Goobic, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m.

Call To Order

Ms. Christine Werne, owner and Director of Education, The Chrysm Institute of Esthetics, Virginia Beach, was present to address the Committee. **Public Comment**

Stefania, Rafeedie, owner and instructor, Arch + Beauty, Fairfax, was present to address the Committee.

Board members reviewed an email sent by Laura Todd, Institute of Advanced Medical Esthetics, as public comment regarding the number of instructional hours for esthetics.

Discussion

Mr. Kirscher spoke to the Board regarding the work of the Standing Committee over the past several years, including the various regulatory reductions it approved. He explained that the Committee had paused its work in expectation that there would be an agency bill creating a hair stylist license, which would enable the Board to implement stackable credentials. He stated that the only bill before the General Assembly this year was a bill to codify the cosmetology training hours at 1,000. Mr. Kirschner reported that while the bill was narrowly defeated, the General Assembly expressed a

**Stackable
Licenses/
Reduction of
Training Hours**

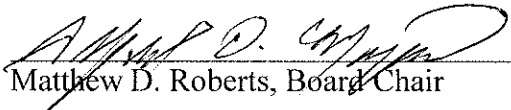
desire to see the Board reach a compromise regarding cosmetology hours. This would be in line with the new administration's desire to see the Board reducing regulatory burdens.

Gilda Acosta left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

The committee discussed the topic of reducing hours and the best way to conduct an appropriate review. Mr. Quesenberry, seconded by Ms. Gilanshah, moved to create a working group to conduct a thorough review of the Board's curriculum to determine the appropriate hours for each content area. The group would be composed of board members Lonnie Quesenberry, Matthew Roberts, Renee Gilanshah and Oanh Pham Kim "Tina" Dang, as well as public and private school instructors, members of the Coalition for the Future of the Beauty Industry, and Leslie Roste, National Director of Industry Relations & Education for BlueCo Brands. The motion was approved unanimously by members: Dang, Gayot, LaPierre, Mayes, Quesenberry Roberts and Smith.

There being no other discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Adjourn


Matthew D. Roberts, Board Chair


Demetrios J. Melis, Board Secretary