

BOARD FOR BARBERS AND COSMETOLOGY

MINUTES OF MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

The Virginia Board for Barbers and Cosmetology held a public hearing on August 18, 2025, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation Offices, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Training Room 2, Richmond, Virginia, to receive public comment regarding the Board's proposed regulations published in the Virginia Register on July 28, 2025.

DPOR staff present for all, or part of the meeting included:

Kelley Smith, Executive Director
Tamika Rodriguez, Regulatory Operations Administrator
Wendy Duncan, Licensing Operations Administrator

Ms. Duncan began the public hearing regarding the Board's proposed body-piercing regulations at 10:30 a.m. and read an introductory statement regarding the purpose and rules of the hearing.

Public comment is noted in the attached transcript.

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.


**COMMENCEMENT
OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

**PUBLIC COMMENT
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Gregory Edwards, Board Chair



Laura McClintock, Board Secretary

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APPEARANCES :

BOARD DESIGNEE: WENDY DUNCAN, Licensing Operations
Administrator for the Virginia Board of
Barbers & Cosmetology

STAFF: TAMIKA RODRIGUEZ, Regulatory Operations
Administrator.
KELLEY SMITH, Executive Director

ALSO PRESENT: SHIRLEY CAMERON, Speaker

1 NOTE: The Conference
2 convened at 10:30 a.m.

3 MISS DUNCAN: Good morning, ladies
4 and gentlemen. The hearing is starting at 10:30.

5 I am Wendy Duncan, the Licensing
6 Operations Administrator for the Virginia Board of
7 Barbers & Cosmetology.

8 This Public Hearing is being held at
9 the Department of Professional and Occupational
10 Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

11 The Hearing is being held pursuant to
12 2.2-4007-01 of the Administrative Process Act for the
13 Code of Virginia for the purpose of receiving public
14 comment on the Board's proposed general review of Body
15 Piercing regulations, published in the Virginia Register
16 on July 28, 2025.

17 The list of interested parties and
18 organizations which were notified of this process and
19 invited to come is available upon request. The staff
20 for the Department of Professional and Occupational
21 Regulation will now hear public comment received from
22 those who are present, pursuant to the Board for
23 consideration of any revisions to the revised proposed
24 regulations.

25 Now I'd like to present the rules of

1 this public hearing. Comments will be received from any
2 member of the public. And initial comments will be
3 limited to five minutes, depending on the number of
4 individuals who wish to speak. If you have not signed
5 up to speak and you wish to speak today, please sign
6 your name on the sign-up sheet at this time.

7 Staff members ask speakers questions
8 to clarify questions; however, this is not the proper
9 forum for questions to the Board. If you have a
10 question for the Board, please forward them, in writing
11 to the Board.

12 Any speaker who wishes to provide a
13 written statement in addition to the oral public comment
14 may do so until September 26, 2025.

15 MISS SMITH: Did either one of you
16 want to make a public comment on the body piercing
17 regulations?

18 MISS CAMERON: Good morning. I am
19 Shirley Cameron. And I am the president of Naturally
20 Yours Barber and Beauty Salon and School.

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22 trying to see how far are we on -- for the school to get
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4 front of a regulatory review committee meeting in
5 September. And then it's going to be a while. It's a
6 standard regulatory process that probably will take two
7 years.

8 MISS CAMERON: Two years?

9 MISS SMITH: Yes.

10 MISS CAMERON: I was just trying to
11 understand the curriculum that will be reviewed.

12 MISS SMITH: Yeah, that is going to
13 be reviewed at the regulatory review committee meeting
14 in September. I can give you that date, if you want to
15 attend, because it's open to the public.

16 So that is September 29, at twelve
17 p.m.

18 MISS CAMERON: And it's going to be
19 in this building?

20 MISS SMITH: Yes, ma'am. It's going
21 to be in Board Room 2, in this building, Suite 200,
22 Board Room 2.

23 MISS CAMERON: I have a question.

24 MISS SMITH: If it's a question not
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2 now, the questions that's being asked go in for public
3 comment. If it's not a question pertaining to the
4 general review regulations for body piercing, then we
5 can address all your other concerns after the public
6 hearing.

7 MISS DUNCAN: Thank you. We're going
8 to give it another four minutes or so, to see if anybody
9 else comes in.

10 Thank you for your comments today.
11 The record of the public hearing will be kept open until
12 September 26, 2025. And written comments will be
13 accepted through five p.m. that day.

14 The hearing is now closed.

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17 (Where the Public Hearing concluded at 10:40 a.m.)
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I, Dawn Testa, hereby certify that I was the Court Reporter at the Public Hearing, heard in the County of Henrico, Virginia, on August 18, 2025, at the time of the hearing herein.

I further certify that the foregoing transcript is, to the best of my ability, a true and accurate record of the testimony and incidents of the hearing herein.

Given under my hand this 18th day of August, 2025.

Dawn Testa

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Notary Registration No. 7811201

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