

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation
Illinois Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braid, and Nail Technology
Board

Open Session: August 5, 2024

Call to order at 10:02 a.m. by Sandy Gay.

Roll call: LeAnn Drake, Member
Sarah Garcia, Member
Sandra Gay, Member
Raynie Jackson, Member
Vantinies Johnson, Member
Jaimie Kauffman, Member
Veris Van, Member

Absent:
Karen Johnson, Member

Staff: Greg Largent
Ann Erickson

Guests: Stepney Institute of Esthetics and Wellness
Tachina Foster
Lisa Fitzgibbon
Tonanzit Sanchez

Public Comment, Announcements & Correspondence

As part of their learning experience, the students of Stepney Institute are attending the meeting to observe how the Board works.

Tachina Foster has an issue with the restoration of her cosmetologist license.

Lisa Fitzgibbon is seeking clarification of the process for licensure via foreign endorsement. Conversation ensued regarding applicants who struggle with language barriers including state exams not being offered in languages other than English, Spanish and Chinese, translators not being allowed for the exams and ERES being the only evaluation vendor.

Tonanzit Sanchez is seeking status of her Nail Technology school application.

Rainie Jackson enters meeting 10:20 a.m.

Election of Chair/Vice-Chair

Veris Van nominated Sarah Garcia for Chair. Sandy Gay nominated Sandy Gay for Chair. A roll call vote was taken and Sarah Garcia was elected Chair 5-2.

Rainie Jackson nominated Rainie Jackson for Vice-Chair. Sandy Gay nominated Sandy Gay for Vice-Chair. A roll call vote was taken and Rainie Jackson was elected Vice-Chair 5-2.

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Legislative Update

Ann Erickson discussed the status of HB4570, a bill introduced by Rep. Severin. This is now Public Act 103-0675 and will become effective 1/1/2025.

The BCENT Act will sunset at the end of 2025. Ann is also currently working on drafting language to address the sunset. She listed a number of items to modernize and bring consistency to the Act.

Approval of Open Minutes

MOTION BY Sandy Gay and a SECOND BY Rainie Jackson to approve the Open Minutes from the May 13, 2024

All in Favor? 7 Opposed? 0 Abstained? 0 The motion is approved.

Old Business

The topic of Hair Braiders cutting natural hair was covered during the Legislative Update.

New Business

The question was raised regarding Nail Technician applicants via endorsement being required to take an examination. No other profession under this Act has this requirement. The Board is of the opinion that this is unnecessary.

Board Member recruitment continues to be stressed. 3 seats are currently vacant.

The Board was asked for its opinion on practical examinations for licensure. The Board indicated that practical exams were once a part of the state examination process but it can be a logistical challenge and has opportunity to lack subjectivity.

The meeting moves to Closed Session at 11:48 a.m.

The meeting returns to Open Session at 12:31 p.m.

The Closed Minutes from February 5, 2024 & May 13, 2024 are approved.

Items Reviewed

- 3 License Application(s)
- 0 CE Waiver Request(s)
- 0 Deliberation(s)

Recommendations Made in Closed Session Announced

Approve Recommendations

MOTION BY Veris Van and a SECOND BY Rainie Jackson to approve the recommendations made in Closed Session.

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All in Favor? 7 Opposed? 0 Abstained? 0 The motion is approved.

Chairman Notes

Liaison Notes

FY25 meeting schedule - 8/5/24 11/4/24 2/3/25 5/5/25

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2024.

ADJOURN MEETING

MOTION Veris Van and a SECOND Sandy Gay to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor. The motion is approved and the meeting is adjourned *at 12:36* p.m.