

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

Open Session: May 5, 2025

Call to order *at* 10:15 a.m. by Sarah Garcia.

Roll call:

Sarah Garcia, Chair
Raynie Jackson, Vice-Chair
LeAnn Drake, Member
Karen Johnson, Member
Vantinies Johnson, Member
Jaimie Kauffman, Member
Chandra Niemerg, Member
Raquel Sanchez, Member
Veris Van, Member

Absent:

Staff:

Greg Largent
Ann Erickson

Guests:

Gia Cordaro
Terri Wojak
Suzanne Schmaling
Charlene Stepney
Mike Lawani
Jessica George

Board Announcements & Comments

Van Johnson and Raynie Jackson are attending virtually pursuant to Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act.

Chandra Niemerg asked for clarity between the 250 hour refresher course and the 100 hour refresher course and when each would be applicable.

Chandra also wanted to know if examination pass/fail rates were a reporting requirement of schools.

Raquel Sanchez noted that the Nail Technician exam was not offered in Spanish.

Public Announcements & Comments

Suzanne Schmaling noted concerns with the Department's memo regarding Medical Spa

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Services and its Statement on Prohibited Practices. Estheticians are educated in some of the practices listed and are frequently performing prohibited practices. Charlene Stepney, Gia Codaro and Terri Wojak offered support for these concerns.

Mike Lawani had questions about the possibility of the hair braiding profession being deregulated. Deregulation is being considered by the General Assembly but it is difficult for the Division to speak to it because no bill has passed. Ann Erickson does point out that an amendment has been adopted that would delay the effective date of deregulation, should it happen.

Legislative Update

Ann Erickson provided a brief summary of:

- SB2495 - BCENT Sunset
- HB3356 - Hair Braiding De-regulation
- SB2154 - Scope of Practice Expansion

Approval of Open Minutes

MOTION BY Veris Van and a SECOND BY Raynie Jackson to approve the Open Minutes from the February 3, 2025.

All in Favor? 9 Opposed? 0 Abstained? 0 The motion is approved.

Old Business

Greg Largent provided a brief update on the development of the CORE system.

New Business

Physical site requirements of esthetics schools and when multiple schools share space was discussed. Administrative Code requires 1,800 feet of work space for esthetics schools which is 800 feet greater than a cosmetology school. It is believed this may be an error in the Code. While the Board did recognize that esthetics schools should have a considerable space requirement, 1,800 feet did seem too great. No vote was taken but the general opinion of the Board was that 1,000 feet of work space as a requirement would be more realistic and acceptable.

Education evaluation services are being reviewed as we are requiring all foreign trained applicants to now submit their credentials for evaluation. The submission of fraudulent credentials has grown or become more apparent.

Chairman Notes

Sarah Garcia welcomed the two newest Board members, Chandra Niemerg and Raquel Sanchez.

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Liaison Notes

- FY26 meeting schedule - 8/4/25 11/3/25 2/2/26 5/4/26
- Mandatory trainings not already completed need to be completed asap.
- Travel vouchers need submitted within 30 days. FY25 ends 6/30/25

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2025.

MOTION BY Jamie Kauffman and a SECOND BY Veris Van to enter into CLOSED SESSION, pursuant to Section 2(c)(4), 2(c)(15) and 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act.

The MOTION is approved and the session is closed at 12:20 p.m.

Chair Sarah Garcia adjourns the Closed Meeting at 12:55 p.m. The meeting returns to Open Session at 12:55 p.m.

Items Reviewed

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

Ann Erickson announces the recommendations made in Closed Session:

CE Waiver requests of Ada Jackson, Alize Luna & Peyton Morris were recommended to be denied.

Approve Recommendations

MOTION BY Karen Johnson and a SECOND BY Raquel Sanchez to approve the recommendations made in Closed Session.

All in Favor? 7 Opposed? Abstained? The MOTION is approved.

MOTION BY Jamie Kauffman and a SECOND BY LeAnn Drake to approve the Closed Minutes from the February 3, 2025 Closed Session and keep the Closed Minutes closed pursuant to Section 2.06(d) of the Open Meetings Act.

All in Favor? 7 Opposed? Abstained? The MOTION is approved.

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ADJOURN MEETING

MOTION Karen Johnson and a SECOND Veris Van to adjourn the meeting.
All in Favor. The motion is approved and the meeting is adjourned at 12:58 p.m.