

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

Open Session: November 3, 2025

Call to order *at* 10:25 a.m.

Roll call:

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

Absent:

Vantinies Johnson, Member
Jamie Kauffman, Member
Raquel Sanchez, Member

Staff:

Greg Largent
Ann Erickson
Karen McGee

Guests:

Mike Lawani
Georgina Davis

Quorum of members are confirmed in person. Van Johnson & Raquel Sanchez join meeting via Webex.

Public Announcements & Comments

None

Board Announcements & Comments

None

Legislative Update

Ann Erickson noted there has been no action by the General Assembly during the veto session that would affect these professions. The next GA session begins in January.

Mike Lawani asked if the approved Abnormal Skin Growth training that is offered online is offered in multiple languages. It is unknown but will be researched and reported back to Mike and the Board.

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Approval of Open Minutes

MOTION by Veris Van and a SECOND by Raynie Jackson to approve the Open Minutes from the August 4, 2025.

All in Favor? 6 Opposed? 0 Abstained? 0 The motion is approved.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Chairman Notes

Sarah is concerned that participation in informal conferences is not being equitably distributed among the membership. Ann will reach out to the Chief to advise that there is interest among the entire membership to contribute.

Sarah noted that some states are offering board exams in many more languages. Ann advised that the Division has looked into this as well. Adding languages for exams would include working with CTS. Illinois has a Language Access and Equity Act that may cause exams to be offered in more languages. Changes in the BCENT Act also address the issue. The Illinois exam is written differently than the national exams. The Illinois exam places more emphasis on sanitation and safety.

Liaison Notes

- My email is in the chat. Email me if you wish to return to hear the announcements of the Closed Session.
- Remaining FY26 meeting schedule - 2/2/26 5/4/26
- Travel Vouchers need submitted within 30 days.
- Board vacancies/recruitment
- Ann and I are working on a newsletter to help inform licensees of recent changes to the Act and Rules, hoping it also inspires licensees to become more informed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2026.

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MOTION by Veris Van and a SECOND by Chandra Niemerg 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 11:10 a.m.

Chair Sarah Garcia adjourns the Closed Meeting at 12:01 p.m. The meeting returns to Open Session at 12:07 p.m.

Items Reviewed

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

Greg Largent announces the recommendations made in Closed Session:

- Continuing Education waiver requests were approved for Licensed Cosmetologists Betty Kizkan, Connie Mitchell, Jessica Schoenleber, Maribel Meza, and Victoria Cicero.
- Continuing Education waiver requests were denied for Licensed Cosmetologists Javier Caraballo, Kathy Michael, Margaret Craft, Theresa Duree, and Virginia Gaither.
- Continuing Education waiver request was deferred for Licensed Esthetician Mayah Moore.
- Continuing Education waiver request was denied for Licensed Esthetician Natalie Santiago.

Approve Recommendations

MOTION by Raynie Jackson and a SECOND by Chandra Niemerg to approve the recommendations made in Closed Session.

All in Favor? 6 Opposed? _____ Abstained? _____ The MOTION is approved.

MOTION by Veris Van and a SECOND by Raynie Jackson to approve the Closed Minutes from the August 4, 2025 Closed Session and keep the Closed Minutes closed pursuant to Section 2.06(d) of the Open Meetings Act.

All in Favor? 6 Opposed? _____ Abstained? _____ The MOTION is approved.

ADJOURN MEETING

MOTION by Raynie Jackson and a SECOND by Veris Van to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor. The motion is approved and the meeting is adjourned at 12:10 p.m.