
*State of Louisiana Board of Barber Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes March 9, 2025
Board Office Conference Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

Board President Cory Dawsey called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Present were, Board Vice President Kedrian Landrew, Board Members Marlon Lewis, Michael Hebert, and Executive Director Latrice Matthews. Absent: Board Member Ella Washington

Board President Cory Dawsey presented the minutes of December 1, 2024.

M/Landrew, 2nd/Hebert to approve the minutes as read. Mc

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Matthews reported having received two new school proposals from Louisiana Barber Academy, Lafayette, Jason Walker, and O'Neil's Line 4 Line Barber College, O'Neil Curtis, Baton Rouge.

Jason Walker is proposing to open a barber school in Lafayette due to there being no other schools other than in New Iberia, and there being a great need. Jason Walker is a licensed barber instructor and his plans call for twelve stations. Executive Director Matthews reported having gone out and visited the location and that it meets the space requirements. Jason has some plumbing work that he is in the process of handling but she was sure that everything would be approved. Executive Director Matthews reported that she was asking the board for approval to allow Mr. Walker to proceed with the set up of his facility. Board Member Marlon Lewis asked had Mr. Walker been given the approval by the city. Executive Director Matthews said he has.

M/Landrew, 2nd/Lewis for the approval of Louisiana Barber Academy, Lafayette to set up. Mc

Executive Director Matthews reported also having received a proposal from O'Neil Curtis to open O'Neil's Line 4 Line Barber College in Baton Rouge. O'Neil Curtis is a licensed barber instructor who runs the program in which kids can read a book for a free haircut. He is proposing to open a twelve chair barber school on Government Street through his non-profit organization Line 4 Line, which will be housed alongside of Front Yard Bikes, and Big Buddy as a part of The Youth City Lab. The location is a part of the Mid City Redevelopment project and will be separate from the Line 4 Line program which operates out of his barber shop. Executive Director Matthews explained having spoken with Mr. Curtis to ensure that he knew the school would be only for high school graduates. Executive Director Matthews reported having gone out to take a look at the space and it meets the space requirements and is completely separate from

the other housed projects. Board Member Hebert asked if this was a part of the Mid City redevelopment. Executive Director Matthews said that it is and that it had the backing of the previous Mayor and her administration. Board Member Lewis said the he too is familiar with the Mid City revitalization and that he also knows Dustin Lafont of Front Yard Bikes.

M/Landrew, 2nd/Lewis for the approval of O'Neil's Line 4 Line Barber College, Baton Rouge to set up. Mc

M/Landrew, 2nd/Lewis to approve the New Business. Mc

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President reported that today's exam went pretty good. There were a few people who were a little rusty on some stuff but other than that everything went good.

M/Landrew, 2nd/Hebert to approve the President's Report. Mc

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Please see attachment

Financials

Executive Director Matthews reported the Total License Revenue for January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024 is \$361,990 which included Apprentice Licenses \$21,100, Barber Licenses \$242,417, Instructor Licenses \$10,220, Reciprocity \$1,081, School, 2,730, New Shop Licenses \$7,760, Shop Licenses \$54,627, and Student Licenses \$22,055. Total Income for period ending January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024 budgeted \$504,300 vs actual \$508,203 for a difference of \$3,903. Total Expense for period ending January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024 budgeted \$503,315 vs actual \$518,586 for a difference of \$15,271.

Executive Director Matthews reported working on Executive Order JML 25-008 from the Office of the Governor Boards and Commissions. This Executive Order is requesting each board to compile a report in reference to the Welcome Home Act and the boards compliance in the reciprocity requirements, and how many licenses have been issued since the Act had been adopted. Executive Director Matthews reported that the second part of the order is asking eight particular boards to give a review of the their agency including such things as how many licensees we have, what are our fees, how often we met and our minutes. Executive Director Matthews reported that the Barber Board was one of the eight boards being asked to report a review by March 31st. Executive Director Matthews informed the board that she would keep them updated of any concerns.

Executive Director Matthews reported that Board Member Hebert asked her to remind everybody to do their ethics training. Board Member Hebert stated that May 15th is the deadline.

M/Landrew, 2nd/Lewis to approve the Executive Director's Report. Mc

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Board Vice President reported that he did not have anything going on in his area right now.

Board Member Lewis reported that nothing had been going on in his region. He agreed that we had a good test today. A few people were a little low but we told them to do what they can and we made it work. Board Member Lewis reported that a barber in his area asked him are the inspectors coming around and said that he had not seen an inspector in a while. Board Member Lewis said that in his looking out for Lassen, he explained to the barber that because he is a school teacher and he doesn't get to the shop until after three, he may possibly be missing him. Board Member Lewis asked are they going and said that he may have already mentioned this a while back. Board Vice President Landrew said if they have a complaint they can come out. Board Members Hebert and Lewis said they remembered them just popping up. Board President Dawsey said that it's hard for every shop to see an inspector. Executive Director Matthews told Board Member Lewis to just call Lassen and let him know, but that all of the inspectors are more busy dealing with the ones that are delinquent and that becomes the priority and focus. Executive Director Matthews showed Board Member Lewis the list of delinquent shops across the state and in Lassen's area and explained that running these people down and trying to collect license fees from them takes time away from going to a shop that has their licenses renewed. This is where they are. We are a self generated revenues agency and these delinquent shops is where they are. They are going to the same shops over and over for renewals and running behind those with credit cards that have declined, or they are not open. Board Member Lewis said he gets it and seeing this list of shops helps him to understand.

Board Member Michael Hebert reported that things were quiet in his area right now. He reported having visited Steven's shop that just opened in New Roads in an old car dealership and that he did a good job fixing that place up. It's possible that he can have four barbers in there the way he has it set up.

M/Landrew, 2nd/Hebert to approve the Board Member's Report. Mc

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director Matthews reported having visited Dupre's Barber School in Ville Platte, Louisiana to complete their final inspection. Everything meets the boards requirements and the location is nowhere near the other school in Opelousas so there should be no interference. Executive Director Matthews reported she asked the school to add a few more lights to brighten

it up, to which the school stated they have ring lights on order to satisfy that. Workfloor space, classroom space, and waiting room space is ample and meets the requirements. Executive Director Matthews recommended Dupre's Barber School, Ville Platte for final approval.

M/Lewis, 2nd/Landrew to approve Dupre's Barber School, Ville Platte. MC

M/Landrew, 2nd/Lewis to approve Old Business. MC

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Cory Dawsey, President



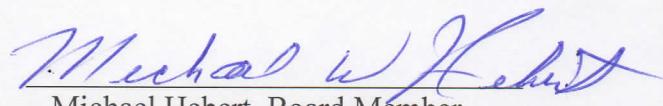
Latrice Matthews, Executive Director

Ella Washington, Board Member

Kedrian Landrew, Vice President



Marlon Lewis, Board Member



Michael Hebert, Board Member