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***State of Louisiana Board of Barber Examiners  
Board Meeting Minutes September 21, 2014  
Board Office Conference Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana***

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Board President Scott Vice called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. Present were Board Members Alton Broussard, Vice Chairman Rebecca Villeneuve, Craig Pollard, Regan Cherie, Executive Director Latrice Matthews, UFCW Local 496 President Shawn Brayton, and Apprentice Coordinator Mark Villeneuve.

***For the record:*** The board members conducted examinations to approximately 33 applicants beginning at 7:30 a.m. this day.

The chair presented the minutes of June 29, 2014. ***M/Broussard, 2<sup>nd</sup>./Pollard to approve the minutes as approved. Mc***

The chair suspended the regular order of business to hear from Jennifer Olivier of J's Barber College, New Iberia, and Jermaine and Keitha Henry, Marrero.

Jennifer Olivier of J's Barber College in New Iberia, Louisiana requested to speak before the board regarding a former student that was allowed to enroll in the Barber Apprentice Program without sitting out the agreed six month waiting period. Board Member Craig Pollard explained that he understood her concern, however some dialogue between both the Barber Board and UFCW Local 496 would have to take place to see if there was any resolution possible. He further explained that his understanding of the situation was that there was only a verbal agreement between the two boards and that there was nothing in writing. J's Barber College Co-Owner Jessica Thomas expressed frustration in explaining to students that there would be a waiting period when this student was allowed to enroll anyway. Vice President Rebecca Villeneuve asked was there any special circumstance that the student needed to drop enrollment. She explained that the apprentice program was designed to help in those types of situations. Board Member Regan Cherie asked was this a reoccurring problem that comes up often and if so then something should be in writing clarifying the agreement. UFCW Local 496 President Shawn Brayton addressed the board and explained that legally no one could be denied the right to apprenticeship. When students apply to enroll as an apprentice they are told that they have to sit out six months or get the school to write a letter of release. Generally the students comply with either of the two options, however this particular student wrote a letter to challenge the agreement. Board Chair said the two boards would get together and discuss the matter.

Jermaine and Keitha Henry proposed to open a school named Proprietorz Barbering School at 1216 Cohen Street, Marrero, Louisiana. The proposed school has 15 barber chairs. Board Chair Scott Vice asked them to submit to the board a more specific layout

of the school and the dimensions of the building. Board Member Craig Pollard informed Mr. and Mrs. Henry that they had assumed a huge risk of setting up the school before coming before the board or receiving approval from the board. He also put emphasis on the need for the school, if approved, to hire good instructors. Vice President Rebecca Villeneuve and Board Member Regan Cheramie asked if either of the two were barbers, to which both replied that they were not, however Jermaine Henry had been in barber school before. Board Member Alton Broussard also expressed concern for the school being set up without coming before the board and asked that they not do any more work until hearing from the board. Executive Director Latrice Matthews asked Mrs. Henry to mail the corrected school diagram to the board office and arrangements would then be made for the board to do a site visit.

Chair returned the meeting to regular order of business.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Please see attachment. Executive Director Matthews reported having met with the barber inspectors and explained their desire to want to be more involved in the barber exams. Vice Chair Villeneuve and Board Member Broussard expressed no problem if they were used on an emergency basis. Board Chair Vice and Board Member Pollard expressed a concern for conflict of interest. Executive Director Matthews asked not to use them sometimes but not others. Either allow them to grade or not. The board agreed that the inspectors would not grade. ***M/Pollard, 2<sup>Nd</sup>./Broussard to approve the Executive Director's Report Mc.***

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Please see attachment.

#### BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Board Member Craig Pollard reported visiting LTC Shreveport at the request of Instructor Lonnie Smith to speak with the students, including the new students enrolled for the fall semester.

Board Member Rebecca Villeneuve

No Report

Board Member Alton Broussard reported having been contacted by barber Herman Skidmore requesting a hardship waiver for the renewal of his license. Board Chair Scott Vice and Executive Director Matthews explained that the board could not grant a hardship license.

Board Member Regan Cheramie expressed his pleasure to meet everyone and looked forward to working them.

*M/Broussard, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Pollard to approve the board member reports. Mc*

OLD BUSINESS

Willie Payne Hair Academy denied licensure.

*M/Broussard, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Villeneuve. Mc*

Richwood High School Barber School licensure approved.


*M/Pollard, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Broussard. Mc*


Board Member Pollard asked UFCW Local 496 President Shawn Brayton if there could be some accountability standards established for the apprentices that do not come to class because it reflects in their exam work and the time it takes for board members to instruct them at the board exam. President Brayton explained that it all depends on the strength of the instructor, which helps to set the tone for the apprentice. Board Member Cheramie said he noticed the students struggled with the mannequin more than any other portion of the exam.


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

  
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Scott Vice, Board President

  
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Latrice Matthews, Executive Director

  
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Rebecca Villeneuve, Board Vice-President

  
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Craig Pollard, Board Member

  
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Alton Broussard, Board Member

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# ***Executive Director's Report***

***September 21, 2014***

## ***License Renewals***

*As of Friday, September 19, 2014*

<b>License</b>	<b>June 19, 2014</b>
<b>Apprentices</b>	<b>414</b>
<b>Barbers</b>	<b>4814</b>
<b>Instructors</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>Schools</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Students</b>	<b>247</b>
<b>Shops</b>	<b>2010</b>

❖ Securing a Board Attorney

❖ Barber Inspectors/Exams