

MINUTES

The Tennessee State Board of Barber Examiners held a meeting on November 15, 2010, 9:00 a.m. CDT, in Nashville, Tennessee.

The following members were present: J. B. Loring, President, Larry High, Vernon Winfrey and Joe Jones. Donald Collins was not present.

Others present were: Beverly Waller, Executive Director, Terrance Bond, Staff Attorney and Debbie Gean, Administrative Assistant.

J. B. Loring, President asked all to join in prayer.

J. B. Loring, President asked all to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

J. B. Loring, President asked for a roll call.

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MOTION was made by Mr. Larry High and seconded by Mr. Joe Jones to approve the October 18, 2010 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

Marcus Merriweather, Clarksville, TN – Present. Mr. Merriweather's master barber license was suspended for five (5) years after a formal hearing was held. The five (5) year period for suspension became effective starting November 2008. Mr. Merriweather is present today to discuss his suspension with the Board Members. Mr. Merriweather has had several Notice of Violations; this is not a one time issue with Mr. Merriweather. The inspector for the area has had several problems with Mr. Merriweather.

Mr. Merriweather stated to the board that he has made several mistakes in the past including not renewing his license. Mr. Merriweather stated that he had some problems in the past and he is sorry. Mr. Merriweather stated he is ready to start barbering again and has been offered a job at a barber shop.

MOTION was made by Mr. Joe Jones and seconded by Mr. Larry High to request Mr. Merriweather take and pass the master barber examination to be able to practice in the State of Tennessee. Also, the board is requesting Mr. Merriweather sign an agreed order. Mr. Merriweather will be placed on probation for four (4) years once he receives his license. Mr. Merriweather will not be allowed to be late on his license and if he was to open another shop it will be inspected randomly and he must score a minimum on his inspection. Motion carried unanimously.

Thabet Salioh Mestarihi, Knoxville, TN – Present. Mr. Mestarihi is present today at the request of the board. He had submitted an application for reciprocity of his master

barber license from Jordan, which the board had reviewed at the October board meeting. In the documents from Jordan, Mr. Mastarihi has submitted certificate stating he completed 1,144 actual hours in the Barber's Art and Hairdressing at the International Cultural Center from January 4, 1995 thru May 10, 1995. Board members had questions as to what was covered in the curriculum in Jordan.

MOTION was made by Mr. Vernon Winfrey and seconded by Mr. Larry High to request Mr. Mastarihi take and pass the master barber examination to become licensed in the State of Tennessee. Motion carried unanimously.

A request for extension from the 2010 master barber instructor seminar due to incarceration from a Terrance Banks was submitted.

MOTION was made by Mr. Joe Jones and seconded by Mr. Vernon Winfrey to deny the request for extension. Motion carried unanimously.

An application for examination from Charles Williams and Melvin Leroy Bean, Jr. who have felonies and all the required information has been submitted, disclosure and letter of recommendations for the barber school attended was submitted.

MOTION was made by Mr. Larry High and seconded by Mr. Joe Jones to approve for the examinations with a signed agreed order. Motion carried unanimously.

An application for examination from Larry Craig was submitted. Mr. Craig has provided the required information, however we have not received the letter of recommendation from the school and this is an over site because Ms. Waller had spoke with someone at the school and they were suppose to fax the letter. If the board grants approval with a sign agreed order the application will not be processed until the letter of recommendation is received from the school.

MOTION was made by Mr. Larry High and seconded by Mr. Vernon Winfrey to approve the application for examination with a signed agreed order. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vincent Battice has a felony and his application for the master barber reinstatement examination was presented to the board at the February 2009 meeting. Mr. Battice's application was approved with a signed agreed order. Mr. Battice took and passed the law portion of the reinstatement examination in February 2009 but before he could schedule and take the practical portion of the examination his parole was revoked and he is now incarcerated in a state correctional facility. He is asking what is required for approval for him to take the practical portion of the examination. The correctional facility he is incarcerated in has a barber school.

MOTION was Mr. Joe Jones and seconded by Mr. Larry High to deny the request for examination to the conviction. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent orders totaled \$1,000.00.

In His Image Cuts
630-A N.W. Broad Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Violation issued June 9, 2009
Pd \$1,000.00 10-25-10

MOTION was made by Mr. Joe Jones and seconded by Mr. Larry High to accept the paid consent orders. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF ATTORNEY REPORT

1. 200500524-1
200500581-1

The above-referenced school has undergone a change in ownership and the complaints allege unlawful action by the previous owner of the school.

Recommendation: Close and flag.

FINAL RECOMMENDATION: Accepted.

2. 201003283-1
201001587-1
201002078-1

Each of the above-referenced complaints alleges that a licensed master barber school admitted a student who failed to complete two years of high school (or the equivalent thereof) prior to entering barber school. In each case, the school provided a copy of a correspondence or online high school diploma with the student's examination application as proof that the student completed the required education prior to barber school admission. None of the schools submitted a written response or further documentation in response to the board's request.

Recommendation: Authorize formal hearing with authority to settle by Consent Order and payment of a \$500.00 civil penalty.

FINAL RECOMMENDATION: Accepted.

MOTION was made by Mr. Larry High and seconded by Mr. Joe Jones to accept the recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION was made by Mr. Vernon Winfrey and seconded by Mr. Joe Jones to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.