



Andy Beshear

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Joni Upchurch

Executive Director

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 5th, 2026

9:00 a.m.

IN-PERSON LOCATION: 1025 Capital Center Dr. Ste 200 – Kentucky Board of Cosmetology office Board Room

ZOOM INFORMATION:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88051071819?pwd=7rpvUm9FHmmnvKfGT2kRBBGJYQU1t6.1>

I. CALL TO ORDER/TIME, DATE AND LOCATION:

- a. Monday, January 5, 2026, at 9:01 AM

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS/DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

- a. In-person: Board Chair, Lindsey Morgan; Vice Chair, Lianna Nguyen; Secretary, Mickey Hobbs; Board Members: Michael Carter, Alicia Stigall, Kerry Harvey, and Melissa Anderson
- b. KBC Staff present in-person: Executive Director, Joni Upchurch; General Counsel, Eden Davis Stephens; Fiscal Manager, Stephanie Ledford; Administrative Executive Secretary, Kassidy Catron; Administrative Specialist Seniors: Maxine McDonald, Emily Hampton, and Charity Curtis
- c. KBC Staff present via Zoom: Executive Staff Advisor, Tanya Shrout

III. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

- a. Michael Carter made the motion to approve, Lianna Nguyen seconded the motion, no one opposed, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2025 EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:

- a. Michael Carter made the motion to approve, Kerry Harvey seconded the motion, no one opposed, and the motion carried unanimously.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES – JONI UPCHURCH:



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- a. Agency and Staff Updates
- b. Communications
- c. Reports
- d. PSI Examination Updates and Information
- e. Additional Items: Legislative Session

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION– KRS 61.810(1)(c)(f)(g)(j) – IF NEEDED

- a. Michael Carter made a motion to enter closed session at 9:15 AM, pursuant to KRS 61.810, Alicia Stigall seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- b. Kerry Harvey made a motion to come out of closed session at 11:47 AM, Michael Carter seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. LEGAL MATTERS:

- a. Final Orders for 13b appeals
 - i. Cheryl Shoufer
 - ii. Domonique Adams
- b. Agreed Final Orders and Final Orders from disciplinary actions
 - i. Hair Madness 800001296; Ashley Strunk 205649 –AFO
 - ii. Sleek and Sheek Salon 601964; Regina Rickett 229230 – AFO
 - iii. Shelby Nails 800003849; Hai Nguyen 507402 – AFO (current emergency closure)
 - iv. Pauline's HD 607107; Pauline Sexton o/m 10751 – AFO (prior emergency closure)
 - v. All About the Nails 800000754; Tuyen Nguyen 507475 – deferred to February
 - vi. Vanna's Nails 800000805; Van Anh Taylor 508177 – Sanitation violations (FO, prior emergency closure) – \$1500.00, 60 days to pay.



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- vii. **Paige Didas 700003093 – falsified receipt – one-year probation – FO (email attachment)**
- viii. **The Nail Shop 800000494; Kim Thanh Huynh 506828– Unlicensed individual; chemicals not locked in cabinet; prior inspection not posted FO - \$2300 fine that must be paid in 60 days; Five-year probation**
- ix. **Creative Nails 702472; Aaron Phong 700001824; Yennie Phong 505790 (MMA) – \$250.00 due in 60 days - FO**
- x. **Teaching Beauty School Academy ED-000010733; Cosette Parker (owner) 110004152; Cameal Stafford (manager) 700003494 - \$750 for enrolling in own school, \$250 for failure to correctly post student hours – due in 60 days– FO**
- xi. **Science of Beauty Academy 900000039; Sarah Jordan Pruitt o/m 207889; 700000775 – deferred to February**

VIII. MOTION TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE MEETING

- a. **Approval of Final Orders** – Items VII-a and VII-b from the agenda – Michael Carter made a motion to approve, Lianna Nguyen seconded the motion, no one opposed, and the motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Notices of Board Action** – to be sent for violations found for items 3 and 5 from the failure to report or validate list; and items 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, and 10 from the case list – Kerry Harvey made a motion to approve, Lianna Nguyen seconded the motion, no one opposed, and the motion carried unanimously.
- c. **Advisement, Warning, Cease & Desist Letters** – to be sent for items 2 and 4 from the failure to report or validate list; and items 4, 5, 8, 16, and 17 from the case list; **Dismissals** – items 11, 12, 13, and 14 from the case list – Michael Carter made a motion to approve, Alicia Stigall seconded the motion, no one opposed, and the motion carried unanimously.



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- d. Actions taken on items for full board review - Louisville Beauty Academy -
110700047 - Sydnie Bright - NS-000009319 - failure to post hours - Deferred from December – Notice of Board Action to be sent for pending items originally discussed at the August 2025 meeting, new violations stemming from that inspection, and the new violations considered today for Sydnie Bright
 - i. Let the record show that Lianna Nguyen recused from this board decision
 - ii. Michael Carter made the motion to approve this matter, Kerry Harvey seconded, no one opposed, and the motion carried unanimously.
- e. Matters to defer to February – item 15 from the case list: C - S - 1200093 - 700054 - The Beauty Institute - Mason Co; And items VII-b-v and VII-b-xi under legal matters: All About the Nails 800000754; Tuyen Nguyen 507475, and Science of Beauty Academy 900000039; Sarah Jordan Pruitt o/m 207889; 700000775

IX. APPROVAL OF JANUARY APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

- a. Michael Carter made the motion to approve, Mickey Hobbs seconded the motion, no one opposed, and the motion carried unanimously.

X. DECEMBER APPLICATIONS, COMPLAINTS, AND INVESTIGATIONS:

APPLICATIONS & RECONSIDERATIONS (4):

- 1.A KCTCS - Somerset Community college - McCreary Center – **Approved**
- 2.A Colleen J Hayes - 206016 - renewal fee dispute – **Denied, duplicate fee waived, but must pay late fee by January 12th, 2026**
- 3.A Kinjalben Tusharkumar Patel -1243172 - Threading Permit – **Denied**
- 4.A Alfreda Williams - 1243499 - OOS Ins TX – **Approved**

FAILURES TO REPORT OR VALIDATE (5):



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1. Louisville Beauty Academy - 110700047 - Sydnie Bright - NS-000009319 - failure to post hours - Deferred from December – **Defer to full board**
2. Paul Mitchell the School - Louisville - 120700013 - Gabriela Jimenez - CS-000008696 - incorrect hour posting – **Warning Letter for school owner and manager**
3. Campbellsville University Cosmetology-Harrodsburg - 700045 - Torri Mitchell - CS-000015370 - failure to enroll and post hours – **A violation of 317A and 201 KAR Chapter 12 has been found. NoBA with preapproved offer will be sent to school owner/manager.**
4. Divinity School of Cosmetology - ED-000002135 - Marcayla Burnley - CS-000006598 - incorrect hour posting – **Warning Letter**
5. Empower Academy - ED-000012899 - Malena Hamilton - CS-000013060 - failure to post hours – **A violation of 317A and 201 KAR Chapter 12 has been found. NoBA with preapproved offer will be sent to school owner/manager.**

CASE LIST (17):

1. INV - C - BS - 1243255 - S-000015399 - Glam Ink LLC - Oldham Co – **A violation of 317A and 201 KAR Chapter 12 has been found. NoBA with preapproved offer will be sent to owner/manager.**
2. INV - BS - 1212485 - S-000005219 - Missy's - Whitley Co – **A violation of 317A and 201 KAR Chapter 12 has been found. NoBA with preapproved offer will be sent to owner/manager.**
3. INV - C - NS - 1155557 - 800001849 - LA Nails - Oldham Co – **Violations of 317A and 201 KAR Chapter 12 has been found. NoBA with preapproved offer will be sent to owner/manager.**
4. INV - BS - 1224594 - S-000010173 - NiNi's Hair Haven - Fayette Co – **Warning Letter**
5. INV - BS - 1150653 - 605270 - Prism - Fayette Co – **Warning Letter**
6. INV - NS - 1225650 - S-000011323 - Kutsie Nails - Fayette Co – **A violation of 317A and 201 KAR Chapter 12 has been found. NoBA with preapproved offer will be sent to owner/manager.**



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7. INV - C - NS - 1235633 - S-000012835 - Nina Nails - Pike Co – **A violation of 317A and 201 KAR Chapter 12 has been found. NoBA with preapproved offer will be sent to owner/manager.**
8. INV - 1214748 - S-000006106 - Blush Nail Lounge - Jefferson Co – **Warning Letter**
9. INV - 1165381 - 702622 - True and John Nails - Hardin Co – **Violations of 317A and 201 KAR Chapter 12 has been found. NoBA with preapproved offer will be sent to owner/manager.**
10. C - INV - 1162837 - 702608 - V I P Nails & Spa - Fayette Co – **Violations of 317A and 201 KAR Chapter 12 has been found. NoBA with preapproved offer will be sent to owner/manager.**
11. UNLICENSED - Mohoganey Hall - Warren Co – **Dismiss**
12. PASSED INSPECTION - C - BS - 1162335 - 800003864 - European Wax Center - Fern Creek - Jefferson Co – **Dismiss**
13. PASSED INSPECTION - C - ES - 1159234 - 790178 - Calo Spa - Jefferson Co – **Dismiss**
14. PASSED INSPECTION - C - BS - 1152776 - 800001433 - Gingers Barber Shop - Fayette Co – **Dismiss**
15. C - S - 1200093 - 700054 - The Beauty Institute - Mason Co – **Defer to February**
16. COS - 1048865 - 206113 - Kathy Stearns - INACTIVE - Cumberland Co – **Cease & Desist Letter**
17. INV - 1166748 - 800003794 - Nancy Barber Shop - Pulaski Co – **Warning Letter**

XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- a. New regulations in effect regarding transfer applications and 30-day complaint response deadline; School ratio remains at 1:20, and license renewal update to every 2 years in new statutory updates.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Michael Carter made the motion to adjourn the January 5, 2026, Board Meeting at 11:55 AM, Mickey Hobbs seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Persons who took board minutes:

Emily Hampton

Maxine McDonald



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Approved:

Lindsey Morgan, Board Chair

2/9/2024