

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION BOARD OF BARBERING, COSMETOLOGY & ESTHETICS

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PUBLIC MINUTES Tuesday February 20, 2024

The February 20, 2024, Board meeting was called to order at 9:06a.m. at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH with the following members present:

Jeanne Chappell, Chair, School Owner Member - Absent

Sarah Partridge, Public Member

Donna Woodsom, Esthetic Member

Sarah Joe, Cosmetology Member

Joshua Craggy - Absent

Teresa Boyer, Board Administrator

Elizabeth Eaton, Board Counsel

The below times are notated for when the Board took breaks from session.

10:39am to 10:47am.

I. MINUTES

A. Approval of Public Minutes from January 16, 2024

On a motion by Donna Woodsom and seconded by Sarah Partridge the Board voted to approve the public minutes as of January 16, 2024.

II. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None



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III. HEARINGS

A. KG Barbershop–Adjudicative - 23-BAR-33

Hearing Officer: Nikolas Frye Hearing Counsel: Marissa Schuetz

Kevin Guzman: Respondent

Chief Inspector: Sandra Hodgdon: Witness for Prosecution

The hearing commenced at 9:35am. The issues to be considered are as follows:

- (1) Whether or not the Licensee violated RSA 313-A:22, II(c), RSA 313-A:22, II(d), and/or RSA 313-A:22, II(i) (*see* Rules 302.05(h), 302.07(c)(1), (3), (4), 501.01, and/or 501.02(a) and (e)) by allegedly operating a shop with one or more of the related health and safety violations, as set out in the inspection report, dated 5/11/2023.
- (2) Whether or not the Licensee violated RSA 313-A:22, II(c) and/or RSA 313-A:22, II(i) (see Rules 501.01, 501.02(a) and (h), RSA 313-A:17, and/or RSA 313-A:9) by allegedly operating a shop with one or more of the related licensing violations, as set out in the inspection report and/or memorandum, dated 5/11/2023.
- (3) Whether or not the Licensee violated RSA 313-A:22, II(c) and/or RSA 313-A:22, II(i) (see Rules 404.01(c), 501.01, 501.02(a) (b), and/or (d)) by behaving unprofessionally, as set out in the inspection report, dated 5/11/2023.
- (4) Whether or not the Licensee violated RSA 313-A:22, II(c) and/or RSA 313-A:22, II(i) (see Rules 501.01, 501.02(a) and (c), and/or 404.10(b)) by allegedly failing to comply with a Settlement Agreement adopted by the Board as an Order, as set out in the inspection report, dated 5/11/2023.

Officer Frye swore in Mr. Guzman and Ms. Hodgdon for testimony. Testimony was given and the hearing closed at 10:00am.

Deliberations were held in non-public session.



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B. Rosa Adita Lopez-Mora – Show Cause – 23-BAR-45

Hearing Officer: Nikolas Frye

Rosa Adita Lopez Mora: Respondent

Translator: Greschka Dragus for Respondent

The hearing commenced at 10:01am. The issues to be considered are as follows:

(1) Whether, pursuant to RSA 313-A:14, the Applicant can demonstrate that the licensing requirements where she is currently licensed are substantially equivalent to or higher than those of New Hampshire, where it is unclear to the Board whether her education and work experience meets that standard.

Officer Frye swore in Ms. Lopez-Mora and translator Greschka Dragus for testimony. Testimony was given and the hearing closed at 10:38am.

Deliberations were held in non-public session.

C. Polished Nails & Spa – Adjudicative – 23-BAR-34

Hearing Officer: Nikolas Frye Hearing Counsel: Marissa Schuetz

Tracy Nguyen: Respondent

Chief Inspector: Sandra Hodgdon: Witness for Prosecution

The hearing commenced at 10:47am. The issues to be considered are as follows:

- (1) Whether or not the Licensee violated RSA 313-A:22, II(c), RSA 313-A:22, II(d), and/or RSA 313-A:22, II(i) (see Rules 302.05, 302.07, 501.01, 501.02) by allegedly operating a shop with one or more of the related sanitation, health, and/or safety violations, as set out in the inspection report and/or memorandum dated 8/9/2023.
- (2) Whether or not the Licensee violated RSA 313-A:22, II(c) and/or RSA 313-A:22, II(i) (see Rules 302.07, 404.01, 501.01, 501.02, RSA 313-A:17, and/or RSA 313-A:9) by allegedly operating a shop with one or more of the related licensing violations, as set out in the inspection report and/or memorandum, dated 8/9/2023.



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Officer Frye swore in Ms. Nguyen and Ms. Hodgdon for testimony. Testimony was given and the hearing closed at 11:15am.

Deliberations were held in non-public session.

D. New Place Nails – Adjudicative – 23-BAR-36

Hearing Officer: Nikolas Frye Hearing Counsel: Colin Phillips

Tri Le: Respondent

Chief Inspector: Sandra Hodgdon: Witness for Prosecution

The hearing commenced at 11:16am. The issues to be considered are as follows:

- (1) Whether or not the Respondent violated RSA 313-A:22, II(c), RSA 313-A:22, II(d), and/or RSA 313-A:22, II(i) (*see* Rules 302.05, 302.07, 501.01, 501.02) by allegedly operating a shop with one or more of the related sanitation, health, and/or safety violations, as set out in the inspection report and/or memorandum dated 8/23/2023.
- (2) Whether or not the Respondent violated RSA 313-A:22, II(c) and/or RSA 313-A:22, II(i) (*see* Rules 301.04, 301.05, 302.07, 404.01, 501.01, 501.02, RSA 313-A:17, RSA 313:19, IV and/or RSA 313-A:9) by allegedly operating a shop without a licensed owner or manager, and/or one or more of the related apprenticeship or licensing violations, as set out in the inspection report and/or memorandum, dated 8/23/2023.
- (3) Whether the Licensee violated RSA 313-A:22, II(c), and/or RSA 313-A:22, II(d), RSA 313-A:22, II(g) (See Rules Bar 401.01(b) and Bar 404.09(k)) by allegedly operating a shop with an expired license.

Officer Frye swore in Mr. Le and Ms. Hodgdon for testimony. Testimony was given and the hearing closed at 11:47 am.

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E. The Zoo – Adjudicative – Continued.

IV. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

A. The Barber Academy – Student Instructor Program

On a motion by Sarah Partridge and seconded by Sarah Joe the Board voted to approve.

V. <u>BOARD COUNSEL</u>

A. Board Counsel Elizabeth Eaton

Attorney Eaton discussed and gave synopsis to the Board on license by endorsement, HB1676, HB1095.

VI. <u>LAWS & RULES</u>

None

Motion to commence non-public session: 11:49am

On the motion of Sarah Partridge, seconded by Donna Woodsom the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A: 3, II (c), RSA 91-A: 3, II (e), RSA 91-A: 5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.



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Motion to keep minutes of non-public session confidential:

Upon the motion of Sarah Partridge, seconded by Donna Woodsom, the Board voted to withhold and seal all the minutes of the proceeding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a Board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Adjournment

Sarah Joe made a motion to adjourn at 1:19pm Sarah Partridge seconded, motion passes with a roll call vote.