

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BOARD OF BARBERING, COSMETOLOGY, AND ESTHETICS
CONCORD, NH 03301**

In the Matter of:
The Bearded Man Barber Shop
Shop Lic. #4427

David Le Owner
Barber Lic. #30541

Docket No.: 23-BAR-006

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

In order to avoid the delay and expense of further proceedings and to promote the best interests of the public and the practice of Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics, the New Hampshire Board of Barbering, Cosmetology, and Esthetics ("Board") and The Bearded Man Barber Shop, a barber shop currently licensed by the Board, and David Le, a barber currently licensed by the Board, (together as "Respondents") do hereby stipulate and agree to resolve certain allegations of violations of rules and laws regulating the profession now pending before the Board according to the following terms and conditions:

1. Pursuant to NH RSA 313-A: 21 and N.H. Code Admin. R Bar ("Bar") 404.01, Board inspectors have jurisdiction to conduct inspections of shops and schools.
2. Pursuant to NH RSA 313-A and Bar 404.04, the Board has the authority to issue administrative fines for violations of statutes.
3. Pursuant to RSA 310-A:1-k, III, and Bar 217.02, the Board may, at any time, dispose of such allegations by settlement, and without commencing a disciplinary hearing.
4. The Board first granted David Le barber license #30541 on November 9, 2018. Respondent's barber license expired on January 31, 2023.

5. The Board first granted The Bearded Man Barber Shop at 577 Central Avenue, Dover shop license #4427 on or about May 7, 2019.
6. On or about October 12, 2022, a Board inspector conducted a routine inspection of Respondents which resulted in alleged violations totaling 527 points.
7. On or about October 24, 2022, the Board received a complaint regarding employees drinking in the shop and serving alcohol to minors.
8. In response to the inspection and the complaint, the Board issued a Notice of Adjudicative Hearing.
9. Respondents stipulate to the following facts:
 - A. On October 12, 2022, a Board inspector conducted a routine inspection of The Bearded Man Barber Shop at 577 Central Avenue, Dover.
 - B. As a result of the inspection, the inspector found multiple violations totaling 527 points of which:
 - i. 352 points were related to health and sanitation improperly cleaned and store re-useable implements and appliances, improperly maintained disinfection container, and lack of required safety data sheets;
 - ii. where seven (7) licenses were altered and were not displayed as required, however no points were assessed;
 - iii. 175 points were related to failing to maintain a current apprentice attendance and test record with the board for Sekou Barton and Christian Isiah Kirkendoll, and apprentices working on a client without required hours submitted.
 - C. The inspector also noted the presence of multiple bottles of alcohol in the shop.

10. The Board finds that Respondent committed the acts described above and concludes that, by engaging in such conduct, Respondent violated NH RSA 313-A:17 and 313-A:22(i).
11. Respondents acknowledge that the allegations and facts set forth in paragraph 7 above constitutes grounds for the Board to impose disciplinary sanctions against their license to operate as a nail salon and manicurist in the State of New Hampshire.
12. WHEREFORE, Respondents consent to the Board imposing the following discipline, pursuant to RSA 313-A:22, III.
 - A. Respondents are **REPRIMANDED**.
 - B. Within ninety (90) days of the Effective Date of this agreement, Licensee's shop owner *and* manager, shall *each* participate in 3 hours of program(s) of **CONTINUING EDUCATION** in the areas of sanitation and disinfection control. The Respondent shall, within 10 days of completion, provide the Board with certificate(s) of completion. **Whether any program(s) meets the requirements of this section shall be determined by the Board. Therefore, the Licensee is strongly encouraged to seek the Board's pre-approval of program(s) before taking them.** The Board has authorized the Board Chair to pre-approve courses on its behalf, so that the licensee does not have to wait until a meeting to learn whether coursework he and/or the manager wish to take is acceptable. The Licensee can submit information about proposed programs to the Board's Administrator, who shall present the same to the Board Chair for determination.
 - C. Respondents must immediately display, in full view of the public, a full and complete copy of this *Settlement Agreement* near or adjacent to the shop license

and past inspection forms, and continue to display a copy until the next routine inspection.

- D. Respondents are assessed an **ADMINISTRATIVE FINE** in the amount of five hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$527.00). Respondent shall pay this fine in full within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of this *Settlement Agreement* by delivering a money order or bank check, made payable to "Treasurer, State of New Hampshire," to the Board's office at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, New Hampshire, 03301. **No separate invoice shall issue.** Payment shall include a copy of this Settlement Agreement or a note including the docket number and indicating the payment is made in compliance with a settlement agreement with the Board.
- E. Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of this *Settlement Agreement* Respondents shall file all required reports for any apprentices with the barber shop or shall notify the Board, in writing, of the termination of any such apprenticeship.
13. Respondents, specifically the shop owner, shall bear all costs required by this *Settlement Agreement* and shall be responsible for ensuring all payments are made, but Respondents shall be permitted to share such costs with third parties.
14. Respondents' breach of any terms or conditions of this *Settlement Agreement* shall constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to RSA 313-A:22, and a separate and sufficient basis for further disciplinary action by the Board.
15. The Board may consider Respondents' compliance with the terms and conditions herein in any subsequent proceeding before the Board regarding Respondents' licenses.
16. The Board agrees that in return for Respondents executing this *Settlement Agreement* the Board will not proceed with the formal adjudicatory process based upon the facts described

herein. However, the Board may consider this misconduct as evidence of a pattern of conduct in the event that similar misconduct is proven against Respondent in the future. Additionally, the Board may consider the fact that discipline was imposed by this Order as a factor in determining appropriate discipline should any further misconduct be proven against Respondents in the future.

17. This *Settlement Agreement* shall become a permanent part of Respondents' file, which is maintained by the Board as a public document.
18. Respondents voluntarily enter and sign this *Settlement Agreement* and states that no promises or representations have been made other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein.
19. Respondents understand that Respondents' action in entering into this *Settlement Agreement* is a final act and not subject to reconsideration, judicial review, or appeal.
20. Respondent agrees to support the adoption of this agreement by the Board.
21. Respondent understands that this agreement is an adverse action against Respondent's license and will be reported to all relevant jurisdictions.
22. Respondents have had the opportunity to seek and obtain the advice of an attorney of Respondents' choosing in connection with the decision to enter into this *Settlement Agreement*.
23. Respondents are not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol and are otherwise of sound mind at the time of signing this *Settlement Agreement*.
24. Respondents understands that the Board must review and accept the terms of this *Settlement Agreement*. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire *Settlement Agreement* shall be null and void. Respondents specifically waives any claims that any disclosures

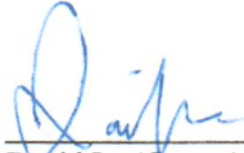
made to, or by, the Board surrounding its review of this *Settlement Agreement* have prejudiced Respondents' right to a fair and impartial hearing in the future if this *Settlement Agreement* is not accepted by the Board.

25. Respondents certify that he/she has read this document titled *Settlement Agreement*. Respondents understands that he/she has the right to a formal adjudicatory hearing concerning this matter and that at said hearing he/she would possess the rights to confront and cross-examine witnesses, to call witnesses, to present evidence, to testify on his/her own behalf, to contest the allegations, to present oral argument, and to appeal to the courts. Further, Respondents fully understand the nature, qualities and dimensions of these rights. Respondents understand that by signing this *Settlement Agreement*, he/she waives these rights as they pertain to the misconduct described herein.
26. This *Settlement Agreement* shall take effect as an Order of the Board on the date it is signed by an authorized representative of the Board and shall become final after 30 days pursuant to Plc 205.04.

[Signatures on next page.]

FOR RESPONDENT

Date: June 21, 2023



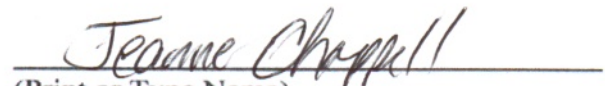
David Le (Owner)
The Bearded Man Barber Shop
Respondent

FOR THE BOARD/*

Accepted by the Board of Barbering Cosmetology and Esthetics on this 26 day of June, 2023 ("Effective Date").



(Signature)



(Print or Type Name)
Authorized Representative of the
New Hampshire Board of Barbering,
Cosmetology, and Esthetics

/*Board members recused: