

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES FOR

JANUARY 9th, 2021

The North Dakota State Board of Barber Examiners held their meeting at the Holiday Inn in Fargo on January 9th, 2021. President Matthew Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 6:18pm.

Roll call was taken and present were President Matthew Ellerkamp, Vice President Trever Thompson, Secretary/Treasurer Tona Stevenson, Brendan and Leane LeFrance, and Wil Dort from Skill Cutz Barber College.

President Matt Ellerkamp did not prepare an agenda, honest mistake. 😊

Tona read the previous meeting minutes., Matt made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second from Trever, all in favor motion carried.

Tona gave the treasurers report. She explained the new laptop purchase. It had been 10 years or more since we purchased the last one and it was time for an upgrade. Matt made a motion to approve the treasurers report, with a second from Trever, all in favor motion carried.

Moler Barber College Report. Andrew was absent from the meeting but sent Tona a report to read. He currently has 10 students enrolled. The school is doing good the students are averaging 5 to 7 haircuts a day. He has been spending more money on advertising and trying to get more people in the door.

Will gave the Skill Cutz Barber College Report. They have 14 students enrolled. The school has some barriers they plan to use between the barber chairs for Covid protection. They also have plans to renovate the school to make better use of the space. The school continues to advertise as much as they can. Brendan is working on bringing in guest speakers to help the students succeed in barbering. These speakers will talk to them about various topics such as tax preparation, marketing, insurance, and retail.

The Board excused themselves for an executive meeting pertaining to a legal action.

Board returned and meeting was resumed.

Old Business was discussed. Tona said the State Board website is up and running now and its www.ndbarberboard.com.

New Business was discussed. Matt got a phone call from a Minnesota Barber College asking if we would allow Minnesota students to come to North Dakota to test for their barber license, receive the North Dakota license and then transfer it to Minnesota. Minnesota is way behind on testing students because of Covid and are looking for alternatives. Tona was also asked from South Dakota if their students could take our test. Much discussion took place and the Board decided not to allow it unless they are taking the North Dakota test to work in North Dakota. We felt that we needed to make sure we have enough room at testing sites to test our own students. Matt would like to see the board work on making new inspection books that are easier to use and current to the rules and regulations of the shops today. He would also like to update the score cards for the exams. Tona finished with the annual fiscal report and has submitted it to the State Auditor for review and approval.

The Board reviewed applications for exams and signed vouchers.

Matt asked for a motion to adjourn, Tona made a motion to adjourn with a second from Trever, all in favor motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tona L. Stevenson
Secretary/Treasurer
North Dakota State Board of Barber Examiners