

1 STATE OF ALASKA  
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
4 BOARD OF BARBERS AND HAIRDRESSERS

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6 MINUTES OF MEETING  
7 October 22, 2020  
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9 **THESE MINUTES MAY NOT REFLECT THE LATEST GUIDANCE ON MANDATE 16. PLEASE CHECK THE**  
10 **BOARD'S WEB SITE FOR THE LATEST GUIDANCE ON COVID-19 REOPENING REQUIREMENTS.**  
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12 By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.86.030 and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62  
13 Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers was held via teleconference and  
14 videoconference and at State Office Bldg., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room B, April 24, 2020.  
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16 **These are DRAFT minutes prepared by the staff of the Division of Corporation, Business and**  
17 **Professional Licensing. These minutes have not been reviewed or approved by the board.**  
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19 **Item 1. Call to Order/Roll Call**  
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21 The meeting of the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers was called to order by Michelle McMullin, Chair,  
22 at 9:02 a.m. Members present were:  
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24 **Item 1. Roll call**  
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26 **Board Members Present, constituting a Quorum:**  
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28 Michelle McMullin, Nail Technician, Chairperson  
29 Jennifer Lombardo, Industry License, Tattooist  
30 Terriann Shell, Public Member  
31 Blake Thomas, Body Piercer  
32 Cheryl Brantley, Hairdresser  
33 VACANT, Hairdresser/Esthetician  
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35 **Excused from attending**  
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37 Vershawn Idom (Shawn), Barber  
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39 **Present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:**  
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41 Cynthia Spencer, Records & Licensing Supervisor  
42 Wanda Whitcomb, Licensing Examiner  
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44 **Members of the Public Present:**  
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46 NIC Representatives:  
47 Katrina Albrecht, Schroeder Measurement Technologies/Prometric  
48 Jillian Nelson, Schroeder Measurement Technologies/Prometric  
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50 **Item 2. Review/Amend agenda**

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52 The Board approved the agenda showing the removal of item 5.

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54 **Item 3. Ethics Disclosure**

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56 No ethics disclosures.

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58 **Item 4. Review and Consideration of Adoption of National Interstate Council's+ Tattoo and**  
59 **Micropigmentation Written Exams**

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61 **On a motion duly made by Terriann Shell, seconded by Jennifer Lombardo, and approved by**  
62 **a majority roll call vote it was**

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64 **Resolved to move to Executive Session for the Review of the NIC Tattoo and**  
65 **Micropigmentation Written exam**

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67 **The board entered executive session at 9:07 A.M. The board exited executive session at 10:15 A.M.**

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69 Roll Call of Board reflected a majority of board members present.

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71 Chair McMullin requested the board to discuss their opinion of the NIC Tattoo and Micropigmentation  
72 written exams.

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74 Jennifer Lombardo agreed that the exam was well written, but the exam is mostly made up of questions  
75 that fall under the topic of tattoo techniques. Alaska's statutes and regulations are more concerned  
76 with health and safety. Ms. Lombardo stated that she was concerned if this test was right for Alaska and  
77 would like to see the exam after it is revised. Some of the questions are outdated.

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79 Chair McMullin stated that many of the questions dealing with micropigmentation are familiar to her as  
80 an esthetician.

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82 Cynthia Spencer reminded the board of Statute 08 13.080 (d) (2) on pages 3 and 4 in the Statutes and  
83 Regulations book.

84 "by passing a written examination approved by the board, demonstrate to the board or the  
85 board's designee safety, sanitation, sterilization, aseptic, and practice techniques that indicate that the  
86 applicant has adequate knowledge of infection control practices and requirements relating to tattooing,  
87 permanent cosmetic coloring, or body piercing, as applicable;"

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89 The board continue to discuss the specifics of the tattoo and micropigmentation needs and practices in  
90 Alaska in the context of a written exam.

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92 Jillian Nelson from NIC explained that examinees did not need to answer every question correctly in  
93 order to pass the exam. She continued that the NIC exams are built to with the guiding principal of  
94 public protection.

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96 Terriann Shell stated that this was a very good exam based on the development of and the style of  
97 exam.

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99 Chair McMullin stated that she was concerned with the availability of study materials and guides. She  
100 continued that if the questions were based on outdated information and techniques that are not being  
101 currently taught, how will they pass the exams.

102 Ms. Shell stated that another positive point of this exam is that it is a national exam and that other  
103 states give this exam. Also, in keeping with the Governor’s Right-Touch regulation, this would make it  
104 easy to get people to work who are moving to Alaska from out of state to work.  
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106 Ms. Spencer stated that this is a good point. She continued to explain that anyone coming to Alaska  
107 from out of state right now, the board is required to review their training and approve it. In previous  
108 boards, we were looking to remove or amend it specifically because it put up a barrier for licensure for  
109 folks coming from out of state. The other part is the exam. If folks have taken this exam in another  
110 state, this would speed up the process of licensure. This would eliminate this exam barrier if they have  
111 taken this exam in another state.  
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113 Blake Thomas asked for a list of other states that use the NIC exam for tattoo and micropigmentation.  
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115 Chair McMullin stated that the vote could be tabled until next meeting giving the board more time to  
116 research the exam.  
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118 **Upon a poll of the board, Chair McMullin ask that the vote on the NIC Tattoo and**  
119 **Micropigmentation written exam be tabled until the next board meeting**  
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121 **With no objections, the item was tabled until the January 25 – 26 meeting.**  
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123 *The Board adjourned at 10:45 a.m.*  
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125 Respectfully submitted:  
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128 Wanda Whitcomb, Licensing Examiner  
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130 Approved:  
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133 Jennifer Lombardo, Chairperson  
134 Board of Barbers and Hairdressers  
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136 Date: \_\_\_\_\_