

BOARD OF BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: June 3, 2025

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Zoom
Recording Link: https://youtu.be/- WnDsl3E_0

Present: Raynette Hall, Beauty Operator Member, Chairperson (“Chair”)
Lesley Murata, Public Member, Vice Chairperson (“Vice-Chair”)
Michael Basta Jr., Beauty Operator Member
Ashley Cornelio, Barber Member
Andrew Kim, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG Kim”)
Kerrie Shahan, Executive Officer (“EO Shahan”)
Alexander Pang, Executive Officer (“EO Pang”)
Alan Yim, Executive Officer (“EO Yim”)
Young-Im Wilson, Executive Officer (“EO Wilson”)
Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary
Johnny Li, (Technical Support)

Excused: None

In-person Guests: David Grupen

Virtual Guests: Alon Schwartz, PSI
Shawn Conder, PSI
Yuko Ho, Honolulu Nail Academy
Vidal Sasson
Trav
Brianna Laimana-Whitney
“iPhone”
Lori Marzilli
Michale Keoni Vasquez
Michelle Perry
Paul Mitchell
Roseanne, DCR-CPS-Education
Kevin Murata, Honolulu Community College

Agenda: The agenda was posted on the State electronic calendar as required by HRS section 92-7(b).

A brief video was played to explain procedures for this virtual meeting and how members of the public can participate and interact with the Board during the meeting.

Call to Order:

Chair Hall proceeded with roll call of the Board members. Members joining by Zoom confirmed that they were present and alone. There being a quorum present, Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

Approval of the
February 11, 2025
Minutes:

Chair Hall asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

It was moved by Chair Hall, and seconded by Vice Chair Murata, and unanimously carried to approve the meeting minutes of the open and executive session of the February 11, 2025, meeting as circulated.

Chapter 91, HRS
Adjudicatory
Matters:

Chair Hall asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

Chair Hall called for a recess from the meeting at 12:12 p.m. to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matter pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS (Note: Board members and staff entered into a ZOOM Breakout Room).

- A. In the Matter of the Barber Shop License of Madali LLC, doing business as King Cuts; Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order; BAR 2024-266-L

After discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Murata, seconded by Chair Hall, and unanimously carried to approve the Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order relating to the Matter of the Barber Shop License of MADALI LLC, doing business as KING CUTS; BAR 2024-266-L.

- B. In the Matter of the Beauty Operator's License of Kiani K . Costabrum, also known as Kiana K. Costabrum, doing business as Bare Beauty Kauai; Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order; BAR 2025-0040-L

After discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Murata, seconded by Chair Hall, and unanimously carried to approve the Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order relating to the Matter of the Beauty Operator's License of KIANI K. COSTABRUM, also known as KIANA K. COSTABRUM; BAR 2025-0040-L.

- C. In the Matter of the Beauty Shop License of N&J Nails LLC, and the Beauty Operator License of Thanh Ngan Nguyen; Settlement

Agreement Prior to the Filing of a Petition for Disciplinary Action
and Board's Final Order; BAR 2025-6-L

After discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Murata, seconded by Chair Hall, and unanimously carried to approve the Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order relating to the Matter of the Beauty Shop License of N&J NAILS, LLC and Beauty Operator's License of THAHN NGAN NGUYEN; BAR 2025-6-L.

- D. In the Matter of the Barber Shop License of Mikey's Barber & Hairstyling Salon LLC, and the Barber's License of Canh T. Nguyen; Settlement Agreement Prior to the Filing of a Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order; BAR 2025-10-L

After discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Murata, seconded by Chair Hall, and unanimously carried to approve the Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order relating to the Matter of the Barber Shop License of MIKEY'S BARBER & HAIRSTYLING SALON LLC, and the Barber's License of CANH T. NGUYEN; BAR 2025-10-L.

Following the Board's review, deliberation, and decision on these matters pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS, Chair Hall announced that the Board was reconvening to its open meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Examinations and
Testing Centers:

Chair Hall asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

Chair Hall stated that the board had switched from state developed examination to the NIC proctored by prometric from March 2020. The contract states that testing centers are required on neighbor islands. Prometric had cancelled contracts with testing centers on neighbor islands in April/May 2023 due to conflicts of interest from the owners of the centers. Staff has reached out to Prometric approximately once every quarter to inquire about new testing centers. For the past two years testing has only been available on Oahu.

Chair Hall introduced Mr. Schwartz and PSI which has available testing centers on neighbor islands but does not offer the NIC but a State developed examination. If the board would like to still accept NIC test scores they may agree to do so.

EO Shahan asked the board members if there were any general questions for Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Conder.

Chair Hall asked how similar the two exams are.

EO Shahan welcomed Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Conder.

Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Conder shared with the board the various services PSI offers:

- Offers two different types of exams: state based or national based.
 - o Offered in 6 different languages
- Customer Service
 - o Call centers available in different languages 7 days a week.
 - o Dedicated and Mobile-Friendly Multi Language Scheduling website
- Testing Centers
 - o 4 test centers: Honolulu, Kahului, Kapaa, and Kailua-Kona
 - o 500+ Nationwide test centers.
- Online/Remote Proctoring
 - o Is available when online proctoring is accepted.
- Exam Development
 - o Customizes exams to support what is required.
 - o Compared to the NIC the unnecessary questions/subjects are pulled out of the exam to customize what is required by each individual state.
 - o Recommended by the compact.
 - o National program is available through PSI. Currently there are 7 states which offer the National program.
- Security & Reporting.
 - o Each test taker is given a unique form of questions for security.
 - o Each testing center is audited/monthly test site secret shoppers.
 - o Client portal online access is available 24/7.
 - o Pass/Fail reports can be customized to the boards needs.

Chair Hall asked if there are accommodations for ADA test takers.

Mr. Schwartz stated yes, they do assist those with special needs.

Chair Hall asked if the current test proctor provides accommodations for ADA test takers.

EO Shahan stated yes, Prometric assists with the accommodations.

Chair Hall asked if the Hawaii Board will accept exam scores taken outside of the state.

EO Shahan answered that the statues will need to be reviewed first. Currently the rules only allow in-state examinations.

Ms. Cornelio asked if the test can be offered in variously other languages as Hawaii is home to many other languages than the 6 that are offered.

Mr. Schwartz stated that adding more languages can be a possibility based upon the Board's needs.

Ms. Cornelio asked if the National program offered is more generalized exam.

Mr. Conder stated that it is based upon the Federal guidelines.

EO Shahan asked if there were any additional questions.

There were none.

EO Shahan asked the board if they feel the need to change testing administrators to move forward on getting more test sites for candidates on neighbor islands. Also, if the board is willing to change the exam that is required to the PSI national exam. If the board would like to make these changes, how quickly would the board like these changes to be done.

Chair Hall stated that she is open to switching to PSI.

Ms. Cornelio agreed with Chair Hall.

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

At 1:00 pm the board had experienced technical difficulties. the Board was reconvening to its open meeting at 1:21 p.m.

EO Shahan apologies for the technical difficulties.

Ms. Cornelio asked if adding more testing dates will burden the administration staff.

EO Shahan stated it will not add an administrative burden to the current staff.

Ms. Cornelio asked if there is a waiting period for the test taker to know their test scores.

EO Shahan answered that test takers will get a tentative pass-fail result.

Mr. Schwartz stated that the frequency can be customized to the boards needs, daily print out, weekly print outs.

EO Shahan asked if there were any additional questions.

A member of the public asked if online testing will be the same cost as in person testing.

EO Shahan answered that currently online testing is not available, so the

board is unable to answer that question at this time.

It was moved by Chair Hall, seconded by Ms. Cornelio, and unanimously carried to switch testing proctor to PSI from Prometric.

EO Shahan followed up by asking the board if they would continue to accept passing NIC test scores or will they require all applicants to have a passing exam from PSI. The board was unable to make a decision and will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

There was not further discussion.

Applications:

Chair Hall asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:42 p.m. it was moved by Chair Hall, seconded by Mr. Basta, and unanimously carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for licensure in accordance with HRS section 92-5(a)(1), and to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with HRS section 92-5(a)(4). (Note: Board members and staff entered into a ZOOM Breakout Room).

At 2:38 p.m., it was moved by Chair Hall, seconded by Mr. Basta, and unanimously carried for the Board to move out of Executive Session and to reconvene to the Board's regular order of business.

A. Apprenticeship Applications:

i. Kelly Acoba (Cosmetologist)

It was moved by Vice Chair Murata, seconded by Chair Hall, and unanimously carried to conditionally approve the apprenticeship application for Kelly Acoba for an equal number of hours across subject categories.

B. Applications for Licensure:

i. Michael Vasquez (Barber)

It was moved by Vice Chair Murata, seconded by Chair Hall, and unanimously carried to conditionally approve the application for Michael Vasquez pending additional information.

C. Barber/Beauty Shops

i. Kiolani at Grand Wailea

Vice Chair Murata, seconded by Chair Hall, Kiolani at Grand Wailea will need separate licenses for each location.

ii. Pacific Barber LLC

It was moved by Vice Chair Murata, seconded by Chair Hall, and unanimously carried to approve the application for Pacific Barber LLC.

D. Beauty Schools

i. The Beauty Backbar Academy

It was moved by Vice Chair Murata, seconded by Chair Hall, and unanimously carried to approve the application The Beauty Backbar Academy.

E. Ratification List (see attached list)

It was moved by Vice Chair Murata, seconded Chair Hall, and unanimously carried to ratify the list of issued licenses attached (see attached list).

Old Business:

Chair Hall asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item.

Mr. Kevin Murata raised his hand to provide testimony for Honolulu Community College and stated he is available for questions.

A. Honolulu Community College Request for a Work Study (Co-operative Education) Program for the Cosmetology Students

EO Shahan welcomed Mr. Murata to the meeting and gave an overview of the most recent documents submitted by Honolulu Community College. The DAG and Board Members were concerned with the duties of the evaluation form stating that the students would be assisting and removing hair coloring, bleaching, permanent waving, manicures and pedicures, performing shampooing and scalp treatments, hair styling. Revised evaluation forms were submitted for the boards review.

Chair Hall reviewed the submitted documents and asked if the student timesheet will reflect the changes on the evaluation forms.

Mr. Kevin Murata agreed that it will be the same.

EO Shahan added that the DAG noticed that the Cooperative Education Agreement form (COSM 93V) has not been updated. All forms need to be clear that there is no direct client contact from the students.

Mr. Kevin Murata stated that he will review and amend the documents to reflect the suggestions made by the board.

- B. Beauty Barber Shops: Operator in Charge. The Board will discuss its interpretation of chapter 439A-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) to determine if a beauty shop must have as one of its operators in charge a licensed barber if the shop desires to offer shaving services.

EO Shahan requested the Board’s position on 439A-10 as some shops do not submit an operator-in-charge or feel they need to have a barber operator in charge if they hire a barber to perform shaving services.

Ms. Cornelio stated on the barber application it asks to provide that information for those services, so she thinks it should be the same across the board.

Chair Hall stated that a beauty shop with a cosmetologist in charge can cover cosmetology, esthetics, nails, and hairdressing. If there is a barber, there needs to be a barber in charge as a cosmetologist does not have the ability to shave.

Ms. Cornelio, Mr. Basta, and Vice Chair Murata agreed with Chair Hall.

Upon a motion by Chair Hall, seconded by Mr. Basta, it was voted upon and unanimously carried that in the board’s opinion 439A-10, if a beauty shop has a cosmetologist in charge, it will cover cosmetology, nails, esthetics, and hairdressing. But if barbering services are offered a barber in charge is necessary.

Scope of Practice:

Chair Hall asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none

- A. Email from Xaviere Lasconia: Can a student (nail technician) in a beauty school take model clients out of a booth rental if they do not charge for services?

EO Shahan restated Mr. Lasconia’s question to the board.

Chair Hall stated that Mr. Lasconia will need to obtain a beauty shop license to work out of a booth, the beauty shop will then need a beauty operator in charge. Since Mr. Lasconia does not hold a license, he will not be able to obtain a shop license or work under a shop license.

Ms. Cornelio stated that he is currently a student he would need to obtain

an apprenticeship license and work under a licensed shop to work.

Upon a motion by Chair Hall, seconded by Mr. Basta, it was voted upon and unanimously carried that in the board's opinion a beauty school student is not able to take model clients out of a booth rental if they do not charge for services.

B. Is the use of the Geneo X Elite System (6watts), which includes a microdermabrasion/massager applicator and an optional RF applicator within the scope of practice of Board licenses?

Ms. Lori Marzilli raised her hand to provide testimony for Eloquent Life Sciences and is available for questions.

EO Shahan stated that several years ago the board previously stated they were not going to make determinations regarding machines or devices.

Ms. Marzilli gave an overview of the device.

Chair Hall asked about the difference between FDA approved and FDA cleared.

Ms. Marzilli answered that the device is a category 2 machine which is an OTC device specifically for estheticians.

Chair Hall asked EO Shahan if the board regulates device.

EO Shahan stated that previously the board did not want to weigh in on devices. The device being discussed uses Radio Frequency (RF), which previously the board stated that the use to certain RF would not be allowed. EO Shahan is asking the board their opinion based upon past board opinions if RF is a concern.

Ms. Marzilli stated that RF is considered RX but due to the low wattage of the device is considered as non-evasive.

Chair Hall stated that she does not have the knowledge, and it is not part of her daily scope of practice, so she does not have any questions at this time.

Mr. Basta agreed and would need more information as well.

Ms. Cornelio asked if there's a training program for when the device is purchased.

Ms. Marzilli answered no, there is no training it is self-trained use.

Ms. Cornelio asked how often a customer will need to come in for

treatment.

Ms. Marzilli stated that the device is used as part of facials ranging from once a week to once a month.

EO Shahan observed that the board needs more information and discussion with an esthetician and will be deferred to the next meeting agenda.

Upon a motion by Chair Hall, seconded by Ms. Cornelio, it was voted upon and unanimously carried to defer this agenda item to the next meeting.

Mr. Kevin Murata raised his hand and asked what the purpose of the device.

Ms. Marzilli stated that the device is used to treat/reduce mild to moderate wrinkles.

Mr. Kevin Murata followed up if there are specific products suggested to be used with it.

Ms. Marzilli answered that there is a gel and cosmetic that works with the device.

The Chair asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none

C. Are Vagacials within the scope of practice of board licenses?

EO Pang researched and summarized the purpose of vagacials. As stated in HRS 439A-2 "Esthetician" (2) Cleansing, exfoliating, wrapping, or doing similar work upon the entire body, without direct contact by the hands and utilizing gloves, loofah mitts, or brushes. Does Vagacials fall within the scope of practice?

Chair Hall is concerned with the products used on the sensitive area.

Ms. Cornelio stated that this service is already being offered within the state by licensed estheticians.

EO Pang clarified based on the statute does the service of vagacials fall under the scope of practice for an esthetician.

Ms. Cornelio answered yes to her it falls under the scope of practice.

EO Shahan asked would this service need a certification or schooling.

Ms. Cornelio stated from what she researched this is a new trend.

Chair Hall stated that if an esthetician is willing to do the service it is an esthetic service and would like for a licensed esthetician to be performing the service. Yes, it is under the scope of practice of an esthetician.

Upon a motion by Chair Hall, seconded by Ms. Cornelio, it was voted upon and unanimously carried vagacials are within the scope of practice for estheticians.

Executive Officer Report:

Chair Hall asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none

A. Results of the NIC Examination Administered in March and April 2025.

EO Pang provided the following results:

March 2025	Candidates	Passed	Failed	Passing %
Barber	11	5	6	45
Cosmetology	9	2	7	22
Esthetician	24	10	14	42
Hairdresser	3	2	1	67
Instructor	0	0	0	0
Nail Technician	12	5	7	42

April 2025	Candidates	Passed	Failed	Passing %
Barber	8	4	4	50
Cosmetology	18	4	14	22
Esthetician	60	32	28	53
Hairdresser	4	2	2	50
Instructor	1	1	0	100
Nail Technician	21	9	12	43

2025 Legislative Session:

Chair Hall asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

A. SB1619: Relating to the Cosmetology Licensure Compact

Chair Hall reported that the Board SB1619: Relating to the Cosmetology Licensure Compact has been passed with an effective date of July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.

B. SB1620: Relating to Natural Hair Braiding

Chair Hall reported that the Board SB1620: Relating to Natural Hair Braiding has died.

C. SB1621 SD 1: Relating to Nail Technicians

Chair Hall reported that the Board SB1621: Relating to Nail Technicians has died.

D. SB1373 CD1: Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders

Chair Hall reported SB1373: Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders is currently awaiting to be signed into office.

E. HB1054 HD1: Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders

EO Shahan reported that the Board HB 1054: Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders is currently awaiting to be signed into office.

Rules Committee
Report & Review:

Chair Hall asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

Upon a motion by Chair Hall, second by Mr. Basta, it was voted upon and unanimously carried to defer this agenda item to the next board meeting.

Election of Officers:

The Chair asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

Upon a motion by Ms. Hall, seconded by Mr. Basta, it was voted upon and unanimously carried to elect Ms. Hall as the new Chair.

Upon a motion by Ms. Hall, seconded by Mr. Basta, it was voted upon and unanimously carried to elect Ms. Cornelio as the new Vice Chair.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Next Board
Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2025
Time: 12:00 p.m.
In-Person: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Virtual Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting
Zoom Webinar

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Reviewed and accepted by: Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Kerrie Shahan

/s/ Cortnie Tanaka

Kerrie Shahan, Executive Officer

Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary

KS: ct

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of _____

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 RATIFICATION LIST – February 11, 2025

License Type	License: License Number	Licensee
BAP	R-25201002	AARON J AMBE
	R-25201003	DEVEN FERREIRA
	R-25201004	Siaki V Alualu
	R-25201005	PONO R AKIONA
	R-25201006	THI THUY TIEN KHUONG
	R-25201009	Chi Nhut Cam
BAR	BAR-4223-0	JUNG E KIM
	BAR-4227-0	MALUHIA M MAA
	BAR-4228-0	CELEYNA L KAHALA
BEO	BEO-25170-0	LILY Y KA
	BEO-25204-0	ALLISON J H SMITH
	BEO-25205-0	AGATHA MAE M ASIS
	BEO-25211-0	JENNA M HOSFORD
	BEO-25212-0	Alyssa C Sadang
	BEO-25213-0	LINDA M. WARFEL
	BEO-25214-0	RISA MIYASHIRO
	BEO-25215-0	Kimie Sugyo Ubasa
	BEO-25216-0	KYOUNG YE KOBAYAKAWA
	BEO-25218-0	Stephanie Hansen
	BEO-25220-0	MADISON J ZIMA-WILSON
	BEO-25221-0	SUMI BRIGHT
	BEO-25222-0	Madison H K Kamai
	BEO-25223-0	Kayla M Kawai
	BEO-25224-0	Leslie Ann M Miguel
	BEO-25225-0	TINA MINH THU TRAN
	BEO-25226-0	CATHERINE TRINH
	BEO-25228-0	Ariel I Pacleb
	BEO-25229-0	VANITY H K M O N L AMITOELAU
	BEO-25230-0	REYANN DESTINEE K MAU-BAGAY
	BEO-25231-0	VALERIE LYNN MCMURRAY
	BEO-25232-0	JENNA L CASUGA
	BEO-25233-0	MILLE T SHIOWAKI
	BEO-25234-0	Heela Mottus
BEO-25235-0	DUONG THUY NGUYEN	
BEO-25236-0	Tetyana A Gashler	

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	BEO-25237-0	LAQUITA M WARREN
	BEO-25238-0	KAITLYN K PLUNKETT
	BEO-25239-0	MELVILLE A MAU
	BEO-25240-0	Penelope Z Kendall
	BEO-25241-0	Sumi Ann Cutlip
	BEO-25242-0	EDONA MAISONET
	BEO-25243-0	Angelina B Allison
	BEO-25244-0	KELCYN K BALBAS
	BEO-25245-0	MEGAN M HARVEY
	BEO-25246-0	Clarissa De Andrade Encinas Taborda
	BEO-25247-0	TAYA DAWN GRIFFITHS
	BEO-25249-0	Chelsea L Bauman
BEP	R-24506003	LINSHAN HE
	R-25201001	PRINCESS MALIA G MONES
	R-25201007	KUIKAMANAO K KANAHELE
	R-25201008	DANIEL W IREBARIA
	R-25201010	JERRY DELA CRUZ BAGAY JR
BSH	BSH-6671-0	LAVENDER BEAUTY SALON LLC
	BSH-6672-0	HAIR BY ALEX LLC
	BSH-6673-0	Fantastic Spa LLC
	BSH-6674-0	1STTHAIHI MASSAGE & FACIAL LLC
	BSH-6675-0	WAILEA NAILS & SPA LLC
	BSH-6676-0	BANYAN MASSAGE HALE LLC
	BSH-6677-0	SKIN BODY BLISS LLC
	BSH-6678-0	Glitzed Beauty Bar LLC