

MINUTES

FLORIDA BARBERS' BOARD Hurston Building, 400 W. Robinson Street, North Tower Suite N901, Orlando, FL 32801

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

The Florida Barbers' Board meeting was called to order at approximately 9:30 a.m., by Mr. Hugo Vargas, Chair.

Board Members Present

Hugo Vargas – Chair
Stephanie Lewandowski – Vice Chair
John Carroll
Mitchell Schwartz

Board Members Absent

Other Persons Present

Ruthanne Christie, Interim Executive Director, Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)
Julie Rowland Duckworth, Government Analyst, DBPR
Andrea Osorio, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, DBPR
Larry Harris, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Kyla Alexander, Court Reporter
Pierre Colbert
Pedro Ramos
Edwin Rodriguez
Willine Pierre
Karma Kelly
Timothy Seith
Chelsey Williams
Dustin Peters
Melvin Alvarado
Nickolas Masias

The meeting was opened with a roll call and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schwartz moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2026, Board meeting. Vice Chair Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Motion for Waiver of Rights and Final Order

Ms. Osorio presented the following cases for consideration by the Board. Mr. Schwartz found that the Respondents were properly served with the Administrative Complaint. The Respondents failed to respond within 21 days thereby waving their right to elect a hearing in this matter, that the Board accept the allegations as stated in the Administrative Complaint and adopt them as the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Board. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Edwin Guifarro Cruz; Tampa; Case No. 2025052925

Mr. Schwartz moved to impose a fine of \$250 and costs of \$206.79 to be paid within six months. Chair Vargas seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

El Patron Barbershop; Miramar; Case No. 2025086280

This case was pulled from the agenda.

Boss Flow; North Miami; Case No. 2025045219

Mr. Schwartz moved to impose a fine of \$2,500 and costs of \$83.55 to be paid within six months, and suspension of license BS1089557 until successful reinspection. Vice Chair Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

M & J Barbershop; Kissimmee; Case No. 2025031601

Chair Schwartz moved to impose a fine of \$550 and costs of \$56 to be paid within six months, and reinspection of license BS1086468 within 30 days. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Gentleman's Barber Lounge; Orlando; Case No. 2024011263

Chair Schwartz moved to impose a fine of \$2,000 and costs of \$260.18 to be paid within six months. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Johnny Barbershop; Delray Beach; Case No. 2025035783

Mr. Schwartz moved to impose a fine of \$1,350 and costs of \$61.72 to be paid within six months, and suspension of license BS1081965 until successful reinspection. Vice Chair Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

MJ's Barbershop; Greenacres; Case No. 2025054793

Mr. Schwartz moved to impose a fine of \$3,500 and costs of \$56 to be paid within six months. Ms. Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Michael James Simmonds; Wilton Manors; Case No. 2025002434

Ms. Lewandowski moved to impose a fine of \$500 and costs of \$195.93 to be paid within 30 days, and revocation of license BB8900942. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Son Barbershop; Boynton Beach; Case No. 2025053063

Chair Schwartz moved to impose a fine of \$900 and costs of \$53.14 to be paid within six months, reinspection of license BS1084689 within 30 days and frequent unannounced inspections. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Settlement Stipulation

Heribertos Barbershop; Orlando; Case No. 2024073048

Ms. Osorio presented the case for consideration by the Board. Mr. Schwartz moved to adopt the Stipulations of the parties as the Board's final action in these matters and incorporate them and all of its terms into a Final Order and impose a fine of \$450 and costs of \$324.20 to be paid within six months. Vice Chair Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Polo Cuts; Wellington; Case No. 2025065676

Ms. Osorio presented the case for consideration by the Board. Mr. Schwartz moved to adopt the Stipulations of the parties as the Board's final action in these matters and incorporate them and all of its terms into a Final Order and impose a fine of \$550 and costs of \$24.54 to be paid within six months. Vice Chair Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

109 **Department Attorney Report**

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111 Ms. Osorio informed the Board that there were 59 open barber cases in the legal section.

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113 **APPLICATIONS**

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115 **Licensure Applications**

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117 **Informal Hearing**

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119 **Pedro Ramos**

120 Mr. Ramos and Mr. Rodriguez were present for the meeting. Ms. Christie informed the Board that the
121 application was denied at the April 6, 2026, board meeting based on the noted criminal history. After
122 review, Mr. Schwartz moved to overturn the denial and approve the application with the following
123 contingency; must submit proof of probation release within 30 days. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, and
124 the motion passed unanimously.

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126 **Initial Review**

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128 **Herbert Johnson**

129 After review, Mr. Schwartz moved to deny the application due to the noted criminal history. Vice Chair
130 Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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132 **Nelson Daniels**

133 After review, Chair Vargas moved to deny the application due to the noted criminal history. Mr. Schwartz
134 seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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136 **Willine Pierre**

137 Ms. Pierre was present for the meeting. After review, Mr. Schwartz moved to approve the application and
138 imposed probation on the license to run concurrent with her criminal probation. The applicant shall
139 provide annually an FDLE criminal background check, and a compliance letter from the authority who is
140 supervising the terms and conditions of the criminal release and/or probation. Mr. Carroll seconded the
141 motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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143 **Timothy Seith**

144 Mr. Seith and Ms. Kelly were present for the meeting. After review, Mr. Carroll moved to approve the
145 application and imposed probation on the license to run concurrent with his criminal probation. The
146 applicant shall provide annually an FDLE criminal background check, and a compliance letter from the
147 authority who is supervising the terms and conditions of the criminal release and/or probation. Vice Chair
148 Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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150 **Chesley Williams**

151 Mr. Williams and Ms. Kelly were present for the meeting. After review, Vice Chair Lewandowski moved
152 to approve the application and imposed probation on the license to run concurrent with his criminal
153 probation. The applicant shall provide annually an FDLE criminal background check, and a compliance
154 letter from the authority who is supervising the terms and conditions of the criminal release and/or
155 probation. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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157 **Dustin Peters**

158 Mr. Peters and Ms. Kelly were present for the meeting. After review, Vice Chair Lewandowski moved to
159 approve the application and imposed probation on the license to run concurrent with his criminal
160 probation. The applicant shall provide annually an FDLE criminal background check, and a compliance
161 letter from the authority who is supervising the terms and conditions of the criminal release and/or
162 probation. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

163 Melvin Amaya Alvarado

164 Mr. Alvarado was present for the meeting. After review, Mr. Schwartz moved to deny the application
165 based on submission of fraudulent documentation. Chair Vargas seconded the motion, and the motion
166 passed unanimously.

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168 Kenneth Bacon

169 After review, Vice Chair Lewandowski moved to deny the application due to the noted criminal history.
170 Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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172 Nickolas Masias

173 Mr. Masias was present for the meeting. After review, Mr. Carroll moved to approve the application. Vice
174 Chair Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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176 Shawn Boone

177 After review, Chair Vargas moved to deny the application due to the noted criminal history. Mr. Schwartz
178 seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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180 **Board Attorney Report**

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182 2026/2027 Annual Regulatory Plan

183 Mr. Schwartz moved to approve the Annual Regulatory Plan as provided by Mr. Harris. Mr. Carroll
184 seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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186 **Executive Director Report**

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188 Financial Report for Period Ending March 2026

189 Ms. Christie reported that the balance in the Board's operating account as of March 31, 2026, was over
190 \$2.8 million and the balance in the unlicensed activity account was over \$199,000 for the same period.

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192 **Correspondence**

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194 Complaints and Investigative Statistics

195 Ms. Christie informed the Board that the Complaints and Investigative Statistics Report was included in the
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198 Barber Examination Summary

199 Ms. Christie informed the Board that the Barber Examination Summary was included in the agenda for
200 informational purposes.

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202 Licensure Application Ratification Report

203 Chair Vargas moved to approve the application report as provided. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion,
204 and the motion passed unanimously.

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206 **Dates and Locations of Future Meetings**

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208 September 28, 2026 – Via GoToMeeting (9am)

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210 **ADJOURNMENT**

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212 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15 p.m.