

MINUTES

FLORIDA BARBERS' BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

The Florida Barbers' Board meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m., by Mr. Mitchell Schwartz, Chair.

Board Members Present

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

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
Clara Rotruck, Court Reporter
Charles Passino, Esq.
Tariq Siddiqui
David Massie
Karma Kelly
Dan Paul
Karen Yale
Anthony Shaw
Chedline Moise
Gustavo Martiniez
Luis Castillo
Nicholas Ariza
Jose Reynoso Jimenez
Erica Wilcutt
Mary Smith

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Schwartz moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2025, Board meeting. Vice Chair Vargas seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Ms. Andrea Osorio, Assistant General Counsel, requested that the board admit into evidence the investigative file and supporting documentation for the cases below.

55 **Motion for Waiver of Rights and Final Order**

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57 Ms. Osorio presented the following cases for consideration by the Board. Chair Schwartz found that the
58 Respondents were properly served with the Administrative Complaint, the Respondents failed to respond
59 within 21 days thereby waving their right to elect a hearing in this matter, that the Board accept the
60 allegations as stated in the Administrative Complaint and adopt them as the findings of fact and conclusions
61 of law of the Board. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
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63 **Fresh Image Barbers Delray; Delray Beach; Case No. 2024069266**

64 Mr. Tariq Siffiqui and Mr. Charles Passino, Esq. were present for the meeting. Chair Schwartz moved to
65 impose a fine of \$800 and costs of \$44.71 to be paid within six months. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion,
66 and the motion passed unanimously.
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68 **Back Road Cuts; Cantonment; Case No. 2022035997**

69 Mr. David Massie was present for the meeting. Ms. Lewandowski moved to impose a fine of \$350 and
70 costs of \$89.85 to be paid within six months. Chair Schwartz seconded the motion, and the motion passed
71 unanimously.
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73 **Settlement Stipulation**

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75 **Blendz Barbershop; Miami; Case No. 2024057226**

76 Ms. Osorio presented the case for consideration by the Board. Chair Schwartz moved to adopt the
77 Stipulations of the parties as the Board's final action in these matters and incorporate them and all of its
78 terms into a Final Order and impose a fine of \$700 and costs of \$40.63 to be paid within six months. Ms.
79 Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
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81 **Department Attorney Report**

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83 Ms. Osorio informed the Board that there were 61 open barber cases in the legal section.
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85 **APPLICATIONS**

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87 **Licensure Applications**

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89 **Reconsideration**

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91 **Christopher Daniels**

92 Ms. Karma Kelly was present for the meeting. After review, Chair Schwartz moved to uphold the denial of
93 the application based on the noted criminal history. Vice Chair Vargas seconded the motion, and the motion
94 passed with Mr. Rivera voting against the motion.
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96 **Chaz Cummings**

97 Ms. Kelly was present for the meeting. After review, Vice Chair Vargas moved to overturn the denial and
98 approve the application. The Board also requested a stay of issuance of a license until the applicant is
99 lawfully released from confinement or supervision and the applicant notifies the Board of such release.
100 Chair Schwartz seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
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102 **Dan Paul**

103 Mr. Paul was present for the meeting. After review, Vice Chair Vargas moved to overturn the denial and
104 approve the application. Ms. Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
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106 **Juan Andino**

107 After review, Vice Chair Vargas moved to overturn the denial and approve the application. Chair Schwartz
108 seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Karen Yale

Ms. Yale was present for the meeting. After review, Vice Chair Vargas moved to overturn the denial and approve the application. Chair Schwartz seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Anthony Shaw

Mr. Shaw was present for the meeting. After review, Vice Chair Vargas moved to overturn the denial and approve the application. Ms. Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chedline Moise

Ms. Moise was present for the meeting. After review, Chair Schwartz moved to overturn the denial and approve the application. Ms. Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Vice Chair Vargas voting against the motion.

Sydney Gartrell

After review, Chair Schwartz moved to uphold the denial of the application based on the noted criminal history. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Lavern Marks

Ms. Kelly was present for the meeting. After review, Vice Chair Vargas moved to uphold the denial of the application based on the noted criminal history. Ms. Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Gustavo Morales Martinez

Mr. Martinez and Mr. Luis Castillo were present for the meeting. After review, Vice Chair Vargas moved to overturn the denial and approve the application. Chair Schwartz seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ariam Lopez Prito

After review, Chair Schwartz moved to overturn the denial and approve the application. Vice Chair Vargas seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ruben Laruelo

After review, Chair Schwartz moved to overturn the denial and approve the application. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Geonel Torres Rodriguez

After review, Vice Chair Vargas moved to overturn the denial and approve the application. Chair Schwartz seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Nicholas Ariza

Mr. Ariza and Mr. Castillo were present for the meeting. After review, the application was continued to a future meeting.

Jose Amaury Reynoso Jimenez

Mr. Jimenez and Ms. Mary Smith were present for the meeting. After review, Ms. Lewandowski moved to overturn the denial and approve the application. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Informal Hearing

Erica Wilcutt

Ms. Wilcutt was present for the meeting. Ms. Christie informed the Board that the application was denied at the January 26, 2025, board meeting based on the noted criminal history. After review, Chair Schwartz

162 moved to overturn the denial and approve the application. Ms. Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the
163 motion passed unanimously.
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165 **Initial Review**
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167 **True Cuts**

168 After review, Chair Schwartz moved to deny the application due to a previously revoked license. Ms.
169 Lewandowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
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171 **Dates and Locations of Future Meetings**
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173 October 12, 2025 – St. Augustine

174 December 1, 2025 – Via GoToMeeting (10am)
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176 **ADJOURNMENT**
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178 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.