

**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY
OFFICE OF NEVADA BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS STANDARDS
BARBERS' HEALTH & SANITATION BOARD**

Minutes – February 2, 2025 – Regular Business Meeting

President Toby Chavez called the meeting to order on Sunday, February 2, 2025, the time was 2:07 P.M. at the Masterpiece Barber School, located at 3510 East Bonanza Road, Suite 150, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89110.

Roll call was taken and present were, Mr. Chavez, Mr. Foley, Mr. Azzam, Mr. Green, Secretary/Treasurer Ms. Maestas.

Ms. Maestas checked in on individuals on teleconference to make sure everyone could hear fine. Mr. Hugo Chavez and Mr. Alejandro Ramirez were on the phone.

Public comment – There was no Public Comment.

Mr. Foley made a motion to approve the agenda for the February 2, 2025 meeting. Mr. Azzam seconded the motion, a vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Foley made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 17, 2024 meeting. Mr. Azzam seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Foley made a motion to approve the financial report of the 2nd quarter report 2025/2026. Mr. Azzam seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business – Ms. Maestas reported that the inspector in the North is doing a good job. The inspector in the South in doing a great job. The 2nd inspector that was hired was in a car accident so he has not started and he was suppose to get back to Ms. Maestas by the end of November, but has not heard from him. Ms. Maestas states she doesn't know if he will start. She did email him last week and emailed him asking what the status was and he has not responded. Mr. Foley made a motion to open the application back up. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion. Mr. Azzam asked if we could give him a final notice and then make a decision. Mr. Foley withdrew his motion. Mr. Foley made a motion to open the application process for inspector in the South contingent on Mr. Whittles being notified this is the last time. Mr. Azzam seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business

Ms. Maestas was asked by President Chavez to please swear in anyone scheduled for a hearing today. All individuals were sworn in. Ms. Maestas asked anyone on the phone to please raise their right hand and be sworn in.

Ernan Favela - Mr. Favela came before the Board because he wants to go to Barber School and has a felony on his record. He has 3 felonies on his record. He had no paperwork. Mr. Chavez told him he must supply paperwork and reschedule for another hearing.

Leon Gordan – Mr. Gordan came before the Board he is asking for an extension for Barber School. He is attending The Art of Barbers. He started school on November 8, 2023, as of December 31, 2024 he had 1217.31 hours. After discussion, Mr. Foley made a motion to allow a 6 month extension; he must be done by August 3, 2025. Mr. Azzam seconded the motion. All was in favor.

Yunuen Sandoval hearing – Ms. Sandoval came before the Board she is asking for an extension from school. She started school December 16, 2023 and as of December 31, 2024 she has 1254.94 hours. Mr. Foley made a motion to grant Ms. Sandoval a 6 month extension; she must be done by August 3, 2025. Mr. Azzam seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Anthony Ochoa– Mr. Ochoa came before the Board because he wants to be granted license by Endorsement and he has a felony on his record. He received a felony in 2008. The felony was for assault. He served 3 months in jail. He took anger management classes. He tried to get paperwork but California told him it has been so long ago the system purged the paperwork. He has a letter from the courts saying the records were purged. Mr. Foley made a motion for approval to get licensed by endorsement. Mr. Azzam seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Noel Estrada - Mr. Estrada came before the Board because he wants to be licensed by endorsement and has a felony on his paperwork. In April 2015 he received a felony for Importation. He was in an addiction for 6 years. He served 2 months in jail. He has been clean for 9 ½ years. He did a program in California for addiction of substance abuse. He was given 9 months of home confinement. He has been licensed in California since March of 2020. He bought a house in Vegas in 2023 and he was back and forth. Ms. Maestas states he has not turned in an application yet. He was asked if he could prove he had 5 years experience in barbering. He is working in a restaurant now, and has been working in that business for a few months. He was told he does not have the 5 years required for endorsement. He could take the examination. Mr. Foley made a motion to deny the license by endorsement. Mr. Azzam seconded the motion and motion passed. Mr. Foley made a motion to approve him for the felony and test in Nevada for a license. Mr. Azzam seconded the motion and all was in favor. Motion passed.

Gerardo Omar Valdivia Castillo - Mr. Valdivia Castillo came before the Board because his license was denied due to different dates. He had a translator today. Ms. Maestas states that he originally turned in his application. He went to school in Florida the transcripts reflect 1500 hours but 220 hours were in manicuring and pedicuring. Was told those hours would not be accepted. He went back to school for 300 hours in Florida. Ms. Maestas requested time sheets like any other school. When she received the

time sheets they did not match the dates. Ms. Maestas requested more time sheets and they were different from the first time sheets. The hours added up to 1398 hours. There have been many problems with this school in Florida. Mr. Foley asked if he went to school at Beyond Institute, he answered yes. Mr. Foley asked many questions, and he could not answer the questions about the school. He could not remember how much he paid for school or what city it was in. Mr. Foley asked what year he went to school. He answered he went in 2022. But he enrolled in 2024. Mr. Chavez suggests that the Board should request that the school attend the next meeting and answer these questions. The school shows he enrolled in school in 2023 but his interpreter said he was not in the country then. Mr. Green asked if the Board was questioning the entire 1500 hours. The discrepancies are that the time sheets and the transcripts do not match. There are several discrepancies in this application. He was asked if he had any proof that he was in Florida during that time. He did not. Ms. Maestas states that we check the time sheets and paperwork for all students in Nevada and the standards should be the same from any school. Mr. Green states that the burden of proof should fall on the applicant. He was asked again if he had anything that would prove that he was at that school. His answer was no. He was asked for receipts from the school. He had no proof of attending the school. There is no way to verify his hours. Mr. Green stated that from experience, he has seen students that have bought their hours from schools. Mr. Green made a motion that the application be denied until the hours are verified. Mr. Foley seconded the motion. All in favor motion passed. Mr. Chavez made a motion that the Beyond Institute Career Center be placed on the agenda for the next quarterly meeting to answer questions and discussion and possible action on discreditation of that school. Mr. Foley seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed. Mr. Valdivia Castillo was told if he could come up with any proof of being at that school he could bring to the next meeting and his application will be re visited. Mr. Valdivia Castillo will need to re petition the Board.

Alejandro Ramirez – Mr. Ramirez teleconferenced with the Board. He is appealing a citation he received for working without a license. He also wants to reinstate his Apprentice license. He was originally licensed in 2014 as an Apprentice. He received a citation in 2022 for working without a license. Ms. Maestas June of 2015 he received his Apprentice license, he took June of 2017 registered exam and failed he scheduled for the next exam and no showed. He was issued a citation on August 11, 2022 for working without a license. He never paid the fine. The last time he renewed his license was July 18, 2018. On December 13, 2024, he was caught working again without a license and was issued a citation. When the inspector went in Mr. Ramirez walked out of the shop when his client arrived. The shop owner called him back and at first he stated he lost his license and then he confessed he didn't have a license. Mr. Foley asked Mr. Ramirez what his thought process was on the Board overturning this. Mr. Ramirez stated that he just wants to know how he can get his license back. He claims that the website shows he was current. On August 25, 2022, Ms. Maestas sent him a email saying that he was not current on his license and he could not work until this is taken care of. Mr. Foley made a motion that the appeal of the fine is denied, and to get his license back, he would need to pay the \$2000 citations, go back to school for a 250 hours refresher course, take and pass the examination and start his apprenticeship over again. Mr. Green seconded the motion all were in favor Motion Passed.

Hugo Chavez – Mr. Chavez teleconferenced with the Board. He is appealing a citation he received for having an unlicensed individual. He is asking for the citation to be overturned or reduced. He states he feels he should have this because he was helping someone out. He feels that these younger barbers don't understand the importance of renewing your license. Mr. Foley states that is why there is an Apprenticeship program for the owners to teach the younger barbers. Ms. Maestas states that the inspectors report showed that when he asked Mr. Chavez the barber's names, he stated he did not know his name, later he confessed he knew. Mr. Foley made a motion to deny his request and uphold

the fine. Mr. Green seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Mr. Hugo asked if he could have an extension to pay the fine. He was told no because he had 30 days to pay the citation and that has passed. He needs to pay as soon as possible. Mr. Chavez stated he would mail a cashier's check to the office.

Raymon Green— Mr. Green came before the Board along with Courtney Hunt and Mr. Quinton Carter for approval of a new Barber School. The location will be 218 S. Decatur, Las Vegas, NV 89107. There will be 25 chairs with a total of 4530 square feet. Mr. Green and Mr. Joe White will be the instructors. There will be a sink for every chair. He has a student catalog on digital. The school's name is Master Barbering Institute of Nevada. Mr. Chavez asked for the bond. They do not have it yet but will have it before opening. Mr. Carter stated that they have the certified copy of financials from the CPA. Mr. Foley made a motion to approve the Master Barbering Institute of Nevada contingent on supplying the certification from the CPA, the bond for \$200,000, and the student catalog. This will all need to be produced before inspection or licensing. This motion was rescinded. Mr. Foley made a motion to approve Mr. Raymon Green, Mr. Courtney Hunt and Mr. Quinton Carter, for the Master Barbering institute of Nevada located at 218 S. Decatur, Las Vegas, NV 89107. Contingent on providing a copy of Certified CPA financials, the \$200,000 bond, and student catalog. Mr. Azzam seconded the motion all were in favor. Motion passed.

Ms. Maestas states that Legislature passed a law that we have to implement on a language plan. The plan that was written needs to be approved by the Board. Ms. Maestas states that each of our tests will be about \$200 to translate. The Board agrees that Spanish is predominately the language that we see. To bring a translator in it costs \$220.00 an hour and it's a 2 hour minimum. It would be more cost effective to have the tests translated into different languages verses bringing in translators. The state law questions will have to be a written. Everyone agrees. Mr. Foley made a motion to accept the language Access Plan and to translate the examinations starting with Spanish and continue with different languages as needed. Mr. Azzam seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Mid winter conference for NABBA is being held in Las Vegas this year on March 8-12, 2025 at the Golden Nugget casino. Mr. Foley made a motion for Mr. Chavez and Ms. Maestas to attend the conference as delegates for the mid winter conference. Mr. Azzam seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Chavez and Ms. Maestas have been asked to hold a state board prep class. Ms. Maestas states that anyone that wants to attend from the Board must be on a Committee.

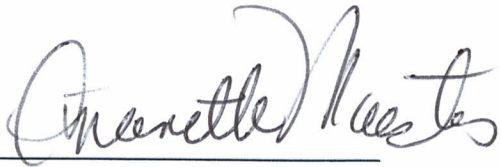
Ms. Maestas asked if there was anyone else on the phone conference. No one was on the phone.

Mr. Foley made a motion for agenda items 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, and 22 to be denied with the option of repetition. Mr. Chavez seconded the motion and all were in favor. They were not in attendance.

Public Comment - There was no public attendance.


Mr. Foley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Chavez seconded and all was in favor. The time was 4:29 P.M.

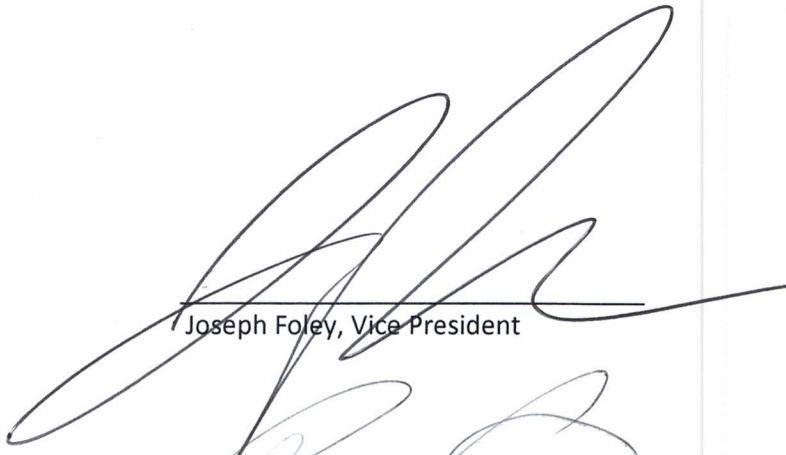
There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: 

Antinette Maestas, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved this 4th day of May, 2025, by:


Toby Chavez, President


Joseph Foley, Vice President


Ihsan Azzam, Health Officer


Raymon Green, Board Member