



# **Barbers & Cosmetology**

**Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Glenn Brown

**Members Present via phone:** Nhi Vo

**Member(s) Absent:**

**OPR Personnel Present:** General Counsel; Cassandra Diederich, Kelsi Alger; Administrative Services Coordinator, Kasey Mayer; Licensing Administrator I, Michele Lavoie; Licensing Administrator II

**Guests:**

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 A.M., by Attorney Cassandra Diederich
2. There were no changes to the agenda
3. **Discussion Items:**

Kassandra Diederich discussed the consideration of online practical examinations. Glenn Brown raised concerns regarding switching from an in-person practice examination to an online practical examination. His concerns were whether an online practical exam would sufficiently test an applicant's skills in a way to ensure competency and public protection. OPR will reach out to Prometric regarding a demonstration of an online practical examination so that the advisors can have a better idea of what an online practice examination would look like and thus be better able to determine whether it would be appropriate to switch.

Kassandra Diederich discussed other states that have decided to not offer practical examinations at all and some states that have moved to online practical examinations.

Kassandra Diederich discussed different pathways to licensure. Glenn Brown feels that there should be a licensure for a makeup artist and a hair stylist.

Glenn Brown discussed the possibility of an outreach regarding changes to the administrative rules and inspection changes.

Glenn Brown brought up feedback that he received from newly licensed stylists who reported that they took the capstone exam from a cosmetology school and were not told that their licenses were only valid in Vermont and thus not portable to other states. Glenn was advised to suggest to these individuals that they can file a complaint against the schools as the rules requires that students be notified that the licenses obtained from passing a capstone exam are not portable to other states.

Glenn Brown also discussed concerns amongst the licensing community about the use of the new solution used to disinfect items that are used on customers. Rule 13-1(b) requires that the solution must be an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered hospital grade and tuberculocidal disinfectant solution. Glenn reported that the solution was ruining combs and scissors rendering them unusable on clients. Attorney Diederich advised that she will look into this issue and check in with OPR Inspector Derek Everett.

**4. Adjourn.** With the lack of further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

October 19, 2022

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