



North Dakota STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

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The North Dakota State Board of Cosmetology held a special meeting on Tuesday September 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm. via zoom.

Present:

D'Arlyn Bauer, Board President
Emily Wilcox, Board Vice President
Maureen Wanner, Board Secretary
Cindy Ripplinger, Board Member

Also Present:

Holly Blomquist, Executive Director

D'Arlyn opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Agenda

1. Interview Statement and Questions regarding Spectrum School of Massage & Esthetics

Holly received the email from Corbin Warnock, a reporter with KX News, late yesterday afternoon requesting an interview regarding the Board closing Spectrum School. Steve stated that the Board would need to come up with a statement they would send.

The following statement will be made to Corbin at KX News Minot:

The Board addressed multiple complaints and the recent school inspection report at the board meeting held on Thursday, August 22, 2024. The Board determined that several violations had occurred and voted to take disciplinary action against the school's license by proposing an informal settlement agreement. At no time during the meeting did the Board discuss revoking the school's license.

On Friday, August 23, 2024, the board office received email notification from Spectrum School of Massage & Esthetics that their board of directors met and determined they will be closing the esthetics portion of their school effective in 60 days. On Thursday, August 29, 2024, Spectrum notified the board office that they officially closed the esthetics portion of their school that day.

The Board held a special meeting on August 30, 2024, and voted to suspend the previous motion made on August 22, 2024, regarding the informal settlement agreement and instead offer an agreement for voluntary surrender of Spectrum's school license since they notified the Board of their immediate closure. The Board would like to clarify, the voluntary surrender

of licensure is only for the school license issued by the Board of Cosmetology for their esthetics program and does not affect Spectrum's ability to operate their massage school.

The ND State Board of Cosmetology is responsible for ensuring public safety, which includes overseeing schools and students to ensure adequate training. Student education and future are our top priorities. The Board's first course of action is never to close a school at first sign of noncompliance. Instead, the Board is committed to working with the schools and gives schools an opportunity to correct their violations.

There were also follow-up Questions that Corbin sent for board to answer.

Emily made a motion to state the above statement and answer the question as agreed upon. Maureen seconded the motion. All voting: Emily (y), Cindy (y), Maureen (y). D' Arlyn (y). Motion carried.

Maureen made a motion to approve Holly to speak on the behalf of the board. Cindy seconded the motion. All voting: Emily (y), Cindy (y), Maureen (y). D' Arlyn (y). Motion carried.

Emily made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D'Arlyn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2024, 2024, at 9:30 am.