MINUTES COLORADO BOARD OF PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS April 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

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Board Members Present: JoAnn Stevens, Chair

Barbara Kearns, Vice Chair; Ellen Wamser, Secretary; Scott Cardona; Chad J. Nash Ryan Minic; and Jessica Wagner

Division Staff Present:

Chief Occupational Education Officer/Director Lorna Candler; Deputy Director & Compliance Officer Mary Kanaly; Compliance Investigator Bradlee Uyemura; Program Specialist Rachel Acosta; Program Specialist Martha Torres-Recinos; Program Specialist Kerrie Solis; and Division Specialist Kristi Connors

<u>Board Counsel Present:</u> Natalie Powell, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Colorado Attorney General

<u>Guests Present:</u> Anthony Do, National Beauty College; and Mrs. Do, member of the pubic

Call to Order:

The interim meeting of the Private Occupational Schools Board was called to order by JoAnn Stevens, Chair, at 3:00 p.m. The Board members, Division staff, and guests were introduced. Board roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Other Business

A. National Beauty College

Deputy Director Kanaly presented a summary of findings from an inspection conducted by a state agency at National Beauty College that could potentially harm students and/or the public including

violations of health and safety regulations. Board members discussed serious concerns regarding the school's record keeping, response to the Notice of Noncompliance, and the findings of the inspection report with the school owner, Mr. Do.

Following review and consideration of the previous matter discussed during the regular portion of the meeting, Board member Wagner motioned to convene in executive session with the Board's Counsel to seek legal advice pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(3)(a)(II), on the following matter: National Beauty College in consideration of relevant parts of the Private Occupational School Act, C.R.S. §23-64-101 et seq. and the Rules and Regulations, 8 CCR 1504-1. The motion was seconded and carried. The public session recorder was turned off at 3:50 p.m.

The Board of Private Occupational Schools convened in executive session with its attorney of record, the Division Director, and Division staff at 3:50 p.m.

Summary of Return to Regular Session:

Ryan Minic left the meeting during Executive Session at 4:00 p.m.

After the review and consideration of the matters previously mentioned, Chair Stevens resumed regular session at 4:20 p.m. The executive session recorder was turned off. The public session recorder was turned on and the general public was welcomed back.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Natalie Powell, affirmed for the record that this executive session was for the sole purpose of providing legal advice to the Board and to otherwise engage in good faith in what is believed to be attorney-client privileged discussions.

Following executive session, the Board resumed its agenda as follows:

National Beauty College

Following discussion regarding serious concerns about the school's inadequate record keeping, offering unapproved internships, and the inspection report findings from another state agency citing potential harm to students and the public due to lack of procedures for health and safety, Vice Chair Kearns motioned to direct Board Counsel, pursuant to C.R.S. § 23-64-119 (3) to summarily suspend the school's Certificate of Approval which will require the school to immediately stop all operations including education, enrollment, and advertising. The motion was seconded and carried.

Adjournment:

Vice Chair Kearns motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. and will be held via the web conference application, Zoom; meeting details will be posted on the Division's website: <u>highered.colorado.gov/dpos.</u>