

North Dakota STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the duty of the board to safeguard public health, safety, and welfare by regulating the practice of cosmetology. Through licensing, education, and enforcement of professional standards, the Board ensures that all licensees, establishments and schools adhere to safe, sanitary, and ethical practices. The Board's mission is to protect consumers, promote industry excellence, and uphold the integrity of cosmetology services across North Dakota.

AGENDA

Location:

**North Dakota State Board of Cosmetology
4719 Shelburne St. Bismarck ND | Suite 1
February 17, 2026 @ 9:30 AM**

Virtual Access

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94344752602?pwd=1GhNfsaF0Wq3yDMlandQG6wv6UkCOH.1>

Board Members

D'Arlyn Bauer Postsecondary Educator <i>President</i>	Emily Wilcox Cosmetologist <i>Vice President</i>	Maureen Wanner Cosmetologist <i>Secretary/ Treasurer</i>	Jill Andres Cosmetologist
Betty Myers <i>Cosmetologist/ esthetician/adv ance esthetician or manicurist</i>	Melissa Jordon <i>Cosmetologist/ esthetician/adv ance esthetician or manicurist</i>	Macy Rud <i>Cosmetologist/ esthetician/adv anced esthetician or manicurist</i>	

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I. Call to Order

D'Arlyn called the meeting to order at 9:35 am

1. Roll call

Board members present:

D'Arlyn Bauer

Maureen Wanner

Jill Andres

Also present:

Holly Blomquist, Executive Director

William Woodworth, Board Attorney

II. Board Reports & Approvals

1. December 2025 special meeting minutes

Maureen made a motion to approve the December 2025 special meeting minutes. D'Arlyn seconded that motion. Motion carried.

2. January 2026 meeting minutes

Section V, number 4 was incomplete. The vote was missing.

D'Arlyn made a motion to table January 20, 2026, this until the next meeting. Jill seconded that motion. Motion carries.

D'Arlyn made a motion to approve the January 26, 2026, meeting minutes. Jill seconded that motion. Motion carries.

3. January 2026 financials

Jill made a motion to approve the January financials. D'Arlyn seconded that motion. Motion carries.

4. January 2026 licenses

D'Arlyn made a motion to approve the January licenses. Jill seconded that motion. Motion carries.

III. Administrative Business

1. Announcements

The Governor did appoint 3 new board members.

On March 9, 2026, our board will be discussed at the Board and Commissions Taskforce meeting.

Maureen made a motion to approve Holly to speak on the board's behalf to the Board and Commissions Taskforce meeting. D'Arlyn seconded the motion. All voting: Maureen (y), Jill (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

2. CD renewal

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The CD will be cashed out this week. It expires today.

3. Letters/emails to the Board

i. Miranda Nichols

Miranda is asking to take an online class with her medical experience instead of a hands-on class. She will need to follow what is outlined in the law and rules according to 32-05-01-08.2 and 32-05-01-08.3.

Jill made a motion to have Miranda follow the law and rules outlined according to 32-05-01-08.2 and 32-05-01-08.3. Maureen seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

Miranda asked for laser training to vary.

D'Arlyn made a motion to have Miranda follow the rule according to 32-05-01-08.1. Maureen seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

CPR training. 43-11-26.1, 32-05-01.10

D'Arlyn made a motion to approve the ER University Tattoo Artist course on CPR, first aide, and bloodborne pathogens. Maureen seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

ii. Claire Maynard

She is offering a class suggestion.

D'Arlyn made a motion to approve the 5-hour course of bloodborne, and pathogen and infection control course offered by Premierece.com. Maureen seconded the motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

iii. Kristen Bechtold

She is asking for the Advanced Laser Esthetic Certification Program course which is only 90-hours of instruction.

D'Arlyn made a motion to approve the Advanced Laser Esthetic Certification Program, for 90-hours of didactic instruction only from AML Laser Academy. This does not fully qualify for ND laser certification. Maureen seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

iv. Tara Miszzury

She is a cosmetology student and has a fear of feet. She would like to be excused from pedicures. There are no separate hours specifically for pedicure or manicure. This would be up to the school to allow her to not work on feet. Holly will send her a letter stating this.

v. Jessi Hagen

Holly will send her a letter outlining the law and rules to cover the concerns of her request.

vi. Kailie Woodstrom

She is requesting to include the LSO training as her certification. Holly will send a letter stating the Board's determination on LSO certification.

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D'Arlyn made a motion to approve and require the National Council of Laser Certification's laser certification exams for Esthetic Laser Operator and Laser Safety Officer. Maureen seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

vii. **Cursa CE**

An instructor would like to have courses from Cursa approved. We would consider approving each individual course brought forth but not the site as a whole.

4. **Next meeting- March 16, 2026**

IV. **Public Comment**

Those wishing to address the Board during a public meeting do not need to request permission in advance, as the Board allows for public comment, subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions. Individuals may address the Board on any issue(s) within its jurisdiction, members of the Board are not allowed to discuss or take legal action on matters raised during public comment; however, the Board may ask staff to review the matter or may ask that the matter be placed on a future agenda.

Public Open Form opened at 11:17.

Jill Krahn brought forth concern regarding head spas and possibly allowing manicurist and estheticians to perform shampooing services.

Public Open Form closed at 11:32.

V. **Licenses & Apprenticeship**

1. **Locks N Beards**-Apprentice Establishment request -Atarashii Program

They want to host an apprenticeship program. They have applied and will be using Atarashii Program.

Maureen made a motion to approve them as an apprentice training establishment. D'Arlyn seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

Desiree Bourette meets the qualifications to be an apprentice trainer. Holly will inform them of that.

2. **Salon 701**- Apprentice Establishment request- Atarashii Program

They want to host an apprenticeship program. They have applied and will be using Atarashii Program.

D'Arlyn made a motion to approve them as an apprentice training establishment. Jill seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

3. **Irene Akosua Appiah**

D'Arlyn made a motion to recuse Maureen from this discussion. Jill seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

Irene has been out of school for over 10 years and would like to take her online exam without going back to school. She passed the practical exam. She is asking for a variance according to 32-01-03-07.

Holly will send a letter to inform her of the law regarding her concerns, and the Board did not feel she meets the criteria for a variance in this case.

4. **Head Rush Salon**

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They want to host an apprenticeship program. They have applied and will be using Atarashii Program.

Maureen made a motion to approve them as an apprentice training establishment. D'Arlyn seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

5. **Crude Cuts**

They want to host an apprenticeship program. They have applied and will be using Atarashii Program.

Maureen made a motion to approve them as an apprentice training establishment. Jill seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

Maureen made a motion to have Holly approve all applying to be apprentice training establishments and will ratify them at the meetings. D'Arlyn seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

The meeting is adjourned for lunch until 1:30.

The meeting resumed at 1:30.

VI. **Complaint Review**

1. The Hair Academy

The complaint is that she was left alone and forgotten about with foil in her hair, so her hair was very damaged. The school provided documentation showing she was not left alone.

D'Arlyn made a motion to dismiss due to lack of findings. Maureen seconded that motion.

All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

VII. **Inspection Disciplinary Action Recommendation**

1. **Beyond Nails-Cheating incident**

We need to determine if Tracy was involved in the cheating during an exam.

D'Arlyn made a motion to dismiss the complaint against Tracy from Beyond Nails in the involvement of cheating, due to lack of findings. Jill seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

We need to determine if the 2 candidates were involved in cheating during an exam. One candidate was in the process of testing. The other candidate had not started the exam.

D'Arlyn made a motion to allow both candidates to do their written exams in person. Maureen seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

D'Arlyn made a motion that Minh Nguyen and Thi Thuy Tran be required to take the law exam in person and successfully pass to apply for licensure in North Dakota if they chose to pursue licensure in North Dakota. Maureen seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

2. **Beyond Nails-failed inspection**

They failed the inspection and this was their reinspection. There were many negative findings, including unlicensed workers.

Maureen made a motion according to 43-11-13, 32-02-01-04, 32-02-01-09, to fine Beyond Nails \$1,000 payable within 45-days of executed settlement agreement, 1-year probation, 4 reinspections payable by them, 1 sanitation class while the salon is closed for the entire day with the entire staff attending including unlicensed staff due within 60-days of executed

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settlement agreement, and have unlicensed technicians not servicing the public until properly licensed. Jill seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

D'Arlyn made a motion to move Restor Esthetics next to the agenda. Maureen seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

3. **TD Nails & Spa**

MMA products were found in the salon during an inspection.

D'Arlyn made a motion according to 32-02-01-11 to fine TD Nails & Spa \$1000 to payable within 45-days of executed settlement agreement, 1-year probation, 4 reinspections payable by them, and remove all prohibited products and any other prohibited items for premise.

Maureen seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

4. **Restor Esthetics**

Restor offered microneedling services but has ceased those services. Her licenses expired December 31, 2025.

D'Arlyn made a motion according to 32-02-01-11(15) to fine Restor Esthetics a fine of \$750 payable within 45-days of executed settlement agreement, to remove prohibited device, 6 month's probation, 2 reinspections payable by them, and cease working until licenses are renewed. Maureen seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

5. **Attractions Hair & Nail Salon**

D'Arlyn made a motion according to 32-02-01-11(15) to fine Attractions Hair & Nail Salon a fine of \$500 payable within 45-days of executed settlement agreement, to remove prohibited device, 6 month's probation, and 2 reinspections payable by them. Maureen seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

6. **Hair Artists**

D'Arlyn made a motion according to 32-02-01-11(15) to fine Hair Artists a fine of \$500 payable within 45-days of executed settlement agreement, to remove prohibited device including what is labeled UV sterilizers, 6 month's probation, and 2 reinspections payable by them. Maureen seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

7. **Body & Skin Therapy by Mandy**

D'Arlyn made a motion to have Body & Skin Therapy by Mandy replace or cover the carpet within 2 months and 1 reinspection payable by them. Maureen seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

VIII. **New Business**

1. **NIC Contract**

William has not had time to review the contract, and this will be placed on the next agenda.

IX. **Unfinished Business**

1. **Pending Agreements & Orders:**

- i. Lucky Beauty Salon- counteroffer to Settlement Agreement

D'Arlyn made a motion to amend the settlement agreement to implement a payment plan to be paid in full by December 31, 2026. Maureen seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

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ii. Pampered Texture- No response
Discussion only.

iii. Main Charactor Beauty Academy
They did receive the certified mail which they have 30 days to comply.

iv. Alexzandria One Feather

2. New laws & rules review

We will wait until next month when the new board members are in the meeting with us.

D'Arlyn made a motion to table the laws and rule review until next month. Jill seconded that motion. All voting: Jill (y), Maureen (y), D'Arlyn (y). Motion carries.

X. Adjournment

Maureen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D'Arlyn seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maureen Wanner.