



Minnesota Board of Barber Examiners
Biennial Report for the Period July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020

It is the mission of the Minnesota Board of Barber Examiners to provide regulatory services that are responsive and reliable in assisting the State of Minnesota to meet its goals of keeping Minnesotans safe and providing efficient and accountable government services. A staff of three full time employees manages the business of the Board including the Executive Secretary, Law Compliance Officer, and Office Administrative Specialist. Procedures have been put in place to ensure that credentialing and registration activities are completed without delay. Questions are answered and information provided to our registrants, the public and other interested parties in a courteous and timely manner, barber shops and barber schools throughout the state are inspected on an annual basis to ensure registration, sanitation, and infection control standards are being met.

The Board routinely meets six times per year, additional meetings are announced and held when necessary. The Board conducts barber examinations four times per year in February, May, August, and November for students completing barber school and individuals seeking to reinstate registrations. In addition, the Board holds examinations up to two times per year for the State correctional barber school. The Board's complaint committee meets six times per year for the management of complaints, investigations, and discipline with the support and assistance of the Attorney General's Office.

The Board's activities and the barbering industry were impacted during the reporting period by the COVID-19 pandemic. Barber shops and barber schools were closed between March 18, 2020 and June 1, 2020. At the time of this report, barber shops and schools are operating at 50% capacity pursuant to Executive Order 20-74. In addition, precautionary procedures to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus such as the use of face masks and social distancing are in place.

During the report biennium the Board began work on the development of a comprehensive review of barber related statutes and rules. The goal of this work is to utilize plain language, to provide clear communication of requirements, and to update the requirements where needed. This work is ongoing.

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Board meetings, activities and approximate total hours spent

During the report period the Minnesota Board of Barber Examiners consisted of five Board members (four barber members and one public member). The Board held a total of 26 Board Meetings, Examinations, and Committee Meetings. Approximately 359 total combined hours were spent by all Board members in Board activities:

Number of meetings and activates	Combined hours for all board members
14 Board Meetings	105
8 Barber Examinations	242
4 Committee Meetings	12
29 Total Activities	359 Total Combined Hours

Receipts and Disbursements

As a General Fund Board all receipts received by the Board of Barber Examiners are deposited into the General Fund and the Board receives an annual General Fund allocation for operating costs.

Biennium	Total Receipts	Total Disbursements
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020	\$525,885*	\$603,932

*Total General Fund allocation for the period \$686,000

Board Members

Name	City	Occupation	Date of Appointment	Date of Re-appointment	Term Expires
Kenneth Kirkpatrick	White Bear Lake	Barber	*3/11/2013	1/2/2017	1/2/2021
Brian Kendall	Rush City	Barber	7/1/2018		1/3/2022
Collette Lease	Minneapolis	Barber	7/2/2019		1/2/2023
Robert "Clarence" Jones	Minneapolis	Public Health Educator	3/21/2011	3/17/2015; 7/2/2019	1/2/2023
Kevin Ayers	Olivia	Barber	7/1/2020		1/1/2024
James Robinson	Saint Paul	Barber	2/27/2012	5/4/2016	1/6/2020
Theresa Iliff	Little Canada	Barber	**12/26/2016		1/6/2020 (resigned 4/2/2019)

*Kenneth Kirkpatrick served on the Board of Barber Examiners from 1981-2006. He was reappointed to the Board on 3/11/2013.

**Theresa Iliff served on the Board of Barber Examiners from 1994-2010. She was reappointed to the Board on 12/26/2016.

Board Employees during the period 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2020

Name	Job Classification	Hire Date
Thora G. Fisko, Ed.S.	Executive Secretary	3/22/2010
Brent Grebinoski	Law Compliance Officer I	3/28/2017
Cinda Yager	Office Administrative Support	3/27/2018

Summary of Board rules proposed or adopted during the period 7/1/2018-6/30/2020

There were no rules proposed or adopted during the period

The number of persons having each type of license and registration issued by the Board as of June 30, 2020

Registration Type

Student Permit	147
Registered Barber	1969
Barber School Instructor	26
Barber Shops	788
Barber Schools	6
Total Registrations	2936

Examinations administered by the Board between 7/1/2018 and 6/30/2020

All applicants listed Minnesota addresses

Location of Examination	Date of Test	Number of persons taking test	Number of test takers by age	Number of test takers by sex
Minnesota School of Barbering Minneapolis	8/6/2018	35	18-25: 12 26-35: 11 36-45: 11 46-60+: 1	Female: 1 Male: 34
* Written Retake Board Office	9/5/2018	5*		
Minnesota School of Barbering Minneapolis	11/5/2018	28	18-25: 6 26-35: 12 36-45: 7 46-60+: 3	Female: 2 Male: 26
Written Retake Board Office	12/3/2018	5		
Minnesota School of Barbering Minneapolis	2/4/2019	22	18-25: 8 26-35: 9 36-45: 1 46-60+: 4	Female: 3 Male: 19

Written Retake Board Office	3/4/2019	3		
St. Cloud Correctional Facility	4/8/2019	4	18-25: 0 26-35: 2 36-45: 1 46-60+: 1	Female: 0 Male: 4
Minnesota School of Barbering Minneapolis	5/6/2019	32	18-25: 4 26-35: 19 36-45: 7 46-60+: 2	Female: 4 Male: 28
Written Retake Board Office	6/3 – 6/5/2019	3		
Moler Barber School, Minneapolis	8/5/2019	21	18-25: 10 26-35: 7 36-45: 3 46-60+: 1	Female: 1 Male: 20
* Written Retake Board Office	9/2/2019	2*		
Moler Barber School, Minneapolis	11/4/2019	21	18-25: 10 26-35: 7 36-45: 4 46-60+: 0	Female: 2 Male: 19
* Written Retake Board Office	12/2/2019	1*		
Moler Barber School, Minneapolis	2/3/2020	27	18-25: 6 26-35: 8 36-45: 9 46-60+: 4	Female: 1 Male: 26
* Written Retake Board Office	3/2/2020	5*		
St. Cloud Correctional Facility	4/24/2020	Cancelled Due to COVID-19		
Moler Barber School, Minneapolis	5/4/2020	Cancelled Due to COVID-19		
Totals	10 Scheduled 8 Held 8 written retakes	190 Individuals *retakes included in total above	18-25: 57 26-35: 74 36-45: 43 46-60+: 16	Female: 14 Male: 176

*Written retake test takers are individuals who failed only the written portion of the exam and are retaking only that part of the examination. Counted in total individuals.

Of the 190 individuals taking the examinations, 179 passed their examinations and were registered, 2 individuals did not take the written retake and were not registered. 9 individuals failed and were not registered, and 5 of those 9 were required to complete additional education to become eligible to retake the examination at a later date.

Persons registered by reciprocity and not required to take the examination during the reporting period July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020

# of Persons	State/ Country of Original License	Age	Sex
2	California	18-25: 1 36-45: 1	Female: 1 Male: 1
1	Colorado	26-35: 1	Male: 1
1	Connecticut	36-45: 1	Male: 1
1	Florida	46-60+: 1	Male: 1
1	Georgia	46-60+: 1	Male: 1
2	Iowa	18-25: 1 26-35: 1	Female: 2
1	Illinois	46-60+: 1	Female: 1
1	Kentucky	26-35: 1	Male: 1
1	Mississippi	26-35: 1	Male: 1
1	Missouri	18-25: 1	Male: 1
5	New York	18-25: 1 26-35: 2 36-45: 2	Male: 5
7	North Dakota	18-25: 2 26-35: 2 36-45: 1 46-60+: 2	Female: 3 Male: 4
1	Ohio	36-45: 1	Male: 1
1	Oklahoma	36-45: 1	Male: 1
2	Tennessee	26-35: 1 36-45: 1	Male: 2
2	Texas	18-25: 1 46-60+: 1	Male: 2
1	Wisconsin	26-35: 1	Male: 1
1	Wyoming	26-35: 1	Male: 1
Total: 32	Jurisdictions: 17	18-25: 6 26-35: 12 36-45: 8 46-60+: 6	Female: 7 Male: 25

Persons applying for registration by reciprocity by jurisdiction either denied or required to meet additional requirements, with reason for denial or requirements, and outcome.

All applicants report current residency in Minnesota.

State/ Country of Original License	Reason for Denial/Additional Action Required	Outcome
Alabama	Eligible for Examination	Examination Passed Registration Issued
Ecuador	Did not receive foreign credentials verification due to submission issues with company; given the option to take the exam	Examination Passed Registration Issued
Ethiopia	Did not receive foreign credentials verification due to submission issues with company; given the option to take the exam	Examination Passed Registration Issued
Ethiopia	Foreign credentials verified, eligible for examination	Examination not taken
Florida	Has 1200 hours of barber training, needed 300 more hours, and to take barber examination	Completed training Examination Passed Registration Issued
Florida	Has restricted Florida license-training not substantially equal to Minnesota, barber school and examination required.	Completed training Examination Passed Registration Issued
Florida	Has restricted Florida license and barber experience. Examination required	Examination Pending
Jordan	Application approved as eligible to take barber examination	Examination Passed Registration Issued
Jordan	Application approved as eligible to take barber examination	Examination Passed Registration Issued
Kenya	No shaving training, barber school required	Completed training Examination Passed Registration Issued
Kenya	Application approved as eligible to take barber examination	Examination Passed Registration Issued
Kenya	Has 450 verified hours of training, barber school required.	Student Permit issued
Mexico	Application approved as eligible to take barber examination	Examination Passed Registration Issued
Mexico	Training not substantially the same,	Applicant has not applied for

	no current license or certification. Barber school required	student permit
Ohio	Application approved as eligible to take barber examination	Examination Passed Registration Issued
Somalia	Application approved as eligible to take barber examination	Examination Passed Registration Issued
Wisconsin	1000, hours of training, no license. 500 additional hours of training required	Student Permit issued

Persons previously licensed or registered by the board whose licenses or registrations were revoked, suspended, or otherwise altered in status during the reporting period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020

Number of Registrations	Reason for revocation, suspension or alteration
53	Delinquent Child Support per MN Statute § 518.66
3	Delinquent Tax per MN Statute § 270.72
1	Dishonored Payment per MN Statute § 604.113

Summary of Complaints received by the Board during the reporting period of July 1, 2018 and June 30 2020

Complaints Received by Category	Number	Disposition
Unlicensed Activity with or without sanitation concerns	6	Could not substantiate
	12	Compliance no disciplinary actions
	20	Stipulation and Orders on file
Sanitation Only	4	Could not substantiate: 1 Compliance no disciplinary action: 2 Under Investigation: 1
Non-Jurisdictional	3	1 referred to another state agency per 214.10
COVID-19 Executive Order Non-Compliant	14	Inspections completed education provided
Various	21	Investigations Ongoing
Total number of complaints	80	

During the reporting period the Boards Law Compliance Representative I completed approximately 1119 inspections, investigations, and visits to barbering establishments throughout Minnesota. The Board has authority under MN Statute 154.162 to assess administrative penalties for being found unregistered upon inspection.