

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND HAIRSTYLING  
124 HALSEY STREET - 6TH FLOOR  
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102  
JANUARY 10, 2006**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Ms. Janice Alvarez, Mr. Jack A. Fornaro, Mr. Christian R. Jones, Ms. Ann Marie Manahan, Mr. Carlo Melini, Mr. Anthony T. Monaco, Mr. Joseph Santagata, Mr. Jerry Speziale, Mr. Richard G. Griswold, Executive Director, Mr. Jay A. Malanga, Assistant Executive Director, Mrs. Barbara Ambroise, Program Development Assistant and Ms. Marie Maiorano, Office Supervisor were present. Mr. Ronald Brown, Ms. Elaine C. Haroldson and Ms. Denise Pereau were absent.

Mr. Carlo Melini announced that the time, date and location of the meeting was listed in the Annual Notice Schedule. The Annual Notice Schedule was mailed to Ms. Regina L. Thomas, Secretary of State and the Newark Star-Ledger and Trentonian Newspapers on December 15, 2005 and was posted in the Office of the Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling on December 15, 2005.

Mr. Carlo Melini called the meeting the order and asked that everyone turn off their cell phones unless they have a pending emergency and may need to be reached.

Mr. Carlo Melini welcomed Ms. Ann Marie Manahan to the Board and wished her luck.

Mr. Carlo Melini opened the public participation portion of the meeting and there being no public members present asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting.

Upon motion made by Ms. Janice Alvarez and seconded by Mr. Jack Fornaro, the public participation portion of the meeting is closed. The motion passed unanimously.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

Upon motion made by Mr. Christian R. Jones and seconded by Mr. Anthony Monaco, the Executive Director's report, Committee reports and Minutes of the regular monthly meeting held December 13, 2005 are accepted as read. The motion passed unanimously.

**INFORMAL HEARINGS**

10:30 A.M. Mr. Thang Van Tran, t/a Sun Flower Fashion Nails, 458 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095 appeared in connection with the outstanding penalties assessed against him for the alleged violations resulting out of inspections of his shop on October 21, 2003, August 9, 2002 and December 14, 2002. On October 21, 2003, he was observed operating with Than Nguyen and Tham Thi Vu practicing cosmetology and hairstyling without valid licenses, without an experienced practicing licensee present, in an unsanitary manner, without all required minimum equipment and without proper ventilation; and penalties in the amount of \$8100.00 were assessed. On August 9, 2002, he was observed operating in an unsanitary manner, without all required minimum equipment, with Thang Van Tran engaging in the practice of cosmetology and hairstyling without a valid license and without all current licenses displayed and on December 14, 2002, he was observed operating in an unsanitary manner, without all required minimum equipment, with Tham Thi Vu and Hong Thi Vu engaging in the practice of cosmetology and hairstyling without valid licenses, with Thang Van Tran engaging in the practice of cosmetology and hairstyling without a valid license, without all current licenses displayed and without an experienced practicing licensee present; and penalties in the amount of \$6600.00 were assessed, \$200.00 of which Mr. Tran has already paid. The total amount of outstanding penalties assessed against Mr. Thang Van Tran is \$14,500.00.

Deputy Attorney General Debra Levine informed the Board that Deputy Attorney General Sharon Moscato is in the hallway working on a possible settlement of \$10,000.00 with an agreement to cease and desist and an agreement to an automatic suspension of his licenses in the event that we find him in violation of our laws or regulations in the future. She further indicated that he is willing to pay \$5,000.00 up front and the balance of \$5,000.00 by way of installment payments of \$1,000.00 per month.

Mr. Carlo Melini polled the Board and informed DAG Debra Levine that the Board will accept the settlement she outlined.

Mr. Carlo Melini greeted Mr. Steven Nguyen, Esquire and his client, Mr. Thang Van Tran, read the charges and asked that Mr. Tran be sworn in.

Deputy Attorney General Sharon Moscato stated that they had reached a settlement agreement and read the terms of the Consent Order which provides for payment of \$10,000.00 in penalties, a promise to cease and desist and an agreement to the automatic suspension of Mr. Tran's practicing and shop licenses in the event that he engages in any acts found to be unlawful in the Order. She also stated that she is in receipt of a \$5000.00 check from Mr. Tran.

Mr. Thang Van Tran answered questions of Deputy Attorney General Swang Oo and Mr. Steven Nguyen, Esquire and acknowledged his agreement to the settlement on record.

See Court Reporter Transcripts for exact testimony.

Upon motion made by Mr. Jerry Speziale and seconded by Mr. Joseph Santagata, the Board approves the settlement outlined by DAG Sharon Moscato and agreed to by Thang Van Tran. The motion passed unanimously.

11:15 A.M. Mr. Son T. Huynh, t/a Top Nails, 733 Route 72 West, K-Mart VIG Shop, Manahawkin, New Jersey 08050 was scheduled to appear in connection with the outstanding penalties assessed against him for the alleged violations resulting out of inspection of his shop on May 25, 2005. He was observed operating with Linh Phuong Thi Nguyen, Thanh T. Nguyen, Van Tran and Lyz P. Nguyen engaging in the practice of cosmetology and hairstyling without valid licenses, with an unidentified, unlicensed female engaging in the practice of cosmetology and hairstyling without a valid license, without proper ventilation, without all required minimum equipment in an unsanitary manner; and penalties in the amount of \$33,650.00 were assessed.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold informed the Board that Mr. Steven Nguyen is also representing Mr. Huynh and that he requested an adjournment.

The Board directed Mr. Griswold to schedule the matter peremptorily for hearing at the February meeting.

11:45 A.M. Mr. Kenneth Bullock, t/a Bullock's Barber Shop, 341 Monmouth Street, Trenton, New Jersey appeared in connection with the alleged violations resulting out of an inspection of his shop on January 7, 2005. He was observed operating with an expired shop license, while engaging in the practice of cosmetology and hairstyling without a current license displayed, without all required minimum equipment and in an unsanitary or unsafe manner; and penalties in the amount of \$850.00 were assessed.

Mr. Carlo Melini greeted Mr. Kenneth Bullock, read the charges and asked that he be sworn in.

Mr. Kenneth Bullock was sworn in and entered a plea of not guilty to all charges.

Deputy Attorney General Mary Kate Simmons presented exhibits a through e to the Board and asked that the witnesses be sequestered.

Mr. Carlo Melini approved her request and asked that the witnesses leave the room.

Deputy Attorney General Mary Kate Simmons gave her opening statement.

Mr. Kenneth Bullock gave his opening statement.

Investigator Michael Mahasky was sworn in, offered his testimony and answered questions of Deputy Attorney General Mary Kate Simmons, Mr. Bullock and the Board.

Mr. Chris Robinson was sworn in, offered his testimony and answered questions of Mr. Bullock, Deputy Attorney General Mary Kate Simmons and the Board.

Mr. Kenneth Bullock offered his testimony and answered questions of Deputy Attorney General Mary Kate Simmons and the Board.

Upon motion made by Mr. Joseph Santagata and seconded by Mr. Jack Fornaro, the Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberation. The motion passed unanimously.

See Court Reporter Transcripts for exact testimony.

Upon motion made by Mr. Jerry Speziale and seconded by Mr. Joseph Santagata, the Board returned to Open Session to announce it's decision. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion made by Mr. Anthony Monaco and seconded by Mr. Jack Fornaro, after fully considering all evidence and testimony, the Board finds that the prosecution has proven it's case in that respondent was operating with an expired shop license, engaging in the practice of cosmetology and hairstyling without a current license displayed, operating without all required minimum equipment and in an unsanitary and unsafe manner and penalties of \$850.00 are assessed and are to be paid within twelve (12) months. By way of mitigation, the Board will not impose costs of \$223.75. The motion passed unanimously.

12:15 A.M. Ms. Kathryn A. Pivovar, 3123 Glen Hollow Drive, Dover, PA 17315 appeared for an investigative inquiry hearing in connection with her convictions of Possessions of CDS, Unlawful Taking of a Means of Conveyance and Theft by Deception and her application to reinstate cosmetologist-hairstylist license #WG032657.

Upon motion made by Ms. Janice Alvarez and seconded by Mr. Jack Fornaro, the Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting an investigative inquiry hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion made by Mr. Jerry Speziale and seconded by Ms. Janice Alvarez, the Board returned to Open Session to announce it's decision. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion made by Ms. Ann Marie Manahan and seconded by Mr. Jack Fornaro, these convictions will not bar Ms. Kathryn Pivovar from reinstating her license and resuming practice provided she has no further contact with the criminal justice system The motion passed unanimously.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

1. Correspondence received from Ms. Maryann Sheehan, Division of Consumer Affairs, Legislative Section with accompanying proposed amendments of N.J.A.C. 13:28-1.1 was presented to the Board for consideration. There are two versions of the amendment and Ms. Sheehan asked that the Board determine which version it would like to adopt.

Ms. Mary Ann Sheehan briefed the new members on the background of this item. She indicated that it goes back 2 years, that applicants for examination are required to substantiate completion of high school or it's

equivalent and that the Board has always required a GED diploma as the equivalent but with the prevalence of home school candidates, the Board determined that the issue should be clarified in a regulation. She advised that the first draft was approved for adoption but that the Division of Law was concerned because the Department of Education has other pathways to establish the equivalent of high school; and she asked that the Board inform her as to which amendment it would like to adopt.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold indicated the pathways Ms. Sheehan is referring to are pathways a person may follow to qualify to take the GED test, that he does not believe the Board should have to look at pathways and determine whether they are the equivalent of high school and that applicants should have to submit a GED diploma if they do not have a high school diploma.

Ms. Mary Ann Sheehan stated that she understands and that she does not have an issue either way but just needs to know where the Board stands.

Mr. Jack Fornaro indicated that most home schooled students take the GED.

Ms. Mary Ann Sheehan advised that although most may take the GED, one person did refuse and that is when this problem came to light.

Mr. Carlo Melini stated that he does not have a problem with also accepting HSPA.

Mr. Jay Malanga advised that the HSPA test could conceivably be given to students in their sophomore year and if they pass it, they could then drop out of school and that he does not believe that this is the type of message the Board wants to put out there.

Ms. Ann Marie Manahan stated that it is her understanding that the home schoolers generally out-perform the public high school students.

Mr. Griswold indicated that the girl we had a problem with eventually took the GED and passed it but has failed the written portion of the cosmetologist-hairstylist 3 or 4 times and still is not licensed.

Mr. Christian Jones questioned whether the Board can override the Department of Education.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold stated that the Department of Education doesn't have anything to say about the Board's requirements for admission to examination.

Upon motion made by Mr. Jack Fornaro and seconded by Mr. Christian Jones, the Board approves the first draft which requires a transcript or diploma issued after successful passage of the examination developed by the General Educational Development (GED) Testing Service. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Correspondence received from Mr. Joseph P. La Sala, Esquire on behalf of Mr. Cosmo Cerrigone in connection with the suspension of his barber license #WI005276 was presented to the Board for consideration. At the December 13, 2005 Board meeting, the Board considered and denied a request submitted by Mr. La Sala for a reduction in Mr. Cerrigone's current 18 month active suspension to time already served as a result of severe economic hardship; and he wrote again to explain another significant change in circumstances which will greatly impact the Cerrigone's family barber shop business and asked that the Board reduce the period of suspension.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold stated that he believes the Board may want to consider denying the request.

Deputy Attorney General Swang Oo informed the Board that Mr. La Sala had called her and questioned whether the Board's decision is appealable and it is, so the Board really needs to discuss this and articulate it's reasons. She advised that she would just like to take a minute to review the time line in this matter and the reasoning. She stated that the appealable issue is the final action of the Board to deny respondent's request to modify the Consent Order 18 month active suspension to time already served due to economic

hardship and the health of respondent's brother to continue the family business for 4 weeks. She noted that respondent's 1/10/05 letter argues that the statute permits an alternative to revocation and suspension of imposition of monetary penalties, a reprimand and other remedies. She indicated that the reasons given for other remedies are that the conviction was a result of larger investigation focusing on the County Executive and that respondent's involvement was minor, respondent cooperated with the Government and was a mitigating factor in imposing sentence, respondent agreed to make restitution, he has complied with his probation and is paying restitution, the conviction did not relate adversely to his practice, suspension or revocation would impair his ability to pay restitution and hence, suspension or revocation would result in permanent and irreparable harm-devastating effect. She indicated that Mr. Anthony Pope, Esquire originally argued against the 18 month suspension as a fatal blow to his career and that the ramifications are for the sake of his sister and brother and he attached letters from friends dated, 2/23/05 and 2/24/05 and a certification from respondent. She advised that respondent's certification cites incredible hardship and offered to serve suspension 1 of 7 days for a year by providing free services, that the letters from Tina and Jerry indicate that they rely on respondent for day to day operation and his suspension has impacted their lives with grave business losses. The letters submitted by his friends state that an active suspension would have a devastating effect, would force him out of the business and would preclude him from paying court ordered restitution. Another letter stated that 18-month suspension "could be the death knell of the business, not to mention the insurmountable financial strain on the brothers' families...which would be so financially destructive." A letter from Joseph La Sala, Esquire requesting that the Board be lenient because the criminal court did not impose prison time (custodial sentence) based on the criminal allegation and his conduct, that a long suspension period is tantamount to revocation and deprives him of his ability to earn a livelihood and a to sustain his family. A hearing was scheduled for 4/12/05 but prior to the hearing, respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Board. On November 21, 2005, respondent requested that the Board modify the Consent Order because Jerry's efforts to keep the business alive and running had been unsuccessful resulting in a major loss in profits due to respondent's suspension, Jerry needs to schedule veins ligation and stripping which requires a 4-week recovery time and allegedly would cause irreparable harm to respondent due to his unique and personal relationship with clients/customers, hiring an outside barber is not feasible because of the unique, special and personal relationship and, therefore, respondent should be permitted to return to work immediately (modify from 18-month suspension to time already served). She noted that Prosecuting Deputy Attorney General Horowitz's letter, dated 11/2/05, in response to Mr. La Sala's request, stated that the Consent Order was the result of a voluntary settlement and given the seriousness of the crime for which he was convicted and that the crime relates directly to the practice which the Board regulates, modifying the Consent Order would be premature at this time. On 11/28/05, the Board acknowledged receipt of the respondent's request for modification of the Consent Order and on 12/13/05 meeting to discuss in person, provide supplemental information and counter to prosecuting DAG's objections. The Executive Director sent a letter to Mr. LaSala on 12/5/05 advising that he could not schedule him to appear but would present any and all supplemental information to the Board. On 12/22/05, respondent submitted a letter to supplement his letter, dated 11/28/05 advising of a significant change in circumstances, that respondent's brother and business partner, Jerry must undergo ligation and stripping of his veins, requiring 4 weeks recovery time and leaving only his sister, Tina Cerrigone, a manicurist in the shop. He further explained that because of Jerry's personal relationship with customers, respondent will suffer ever more losses, leading to a shut down of the business. On 12/28/05, the Board sent respondent a letter denying his request for modification of the Consent Order, citing the seriousness of the crime, the fact that the Consent Order was based upon a voluntary settlement and the fact that the crime related directly to the practice which the Board regulates. On 12/29/05, Mr. LaSala submitted another request for consideration and he was informed that the Board would further consider the matter today.

Mr. Carlo Melini stated that if you are going to apply this logic, then no one should be punished for a wrong doing, that you have to pay for your actions and that we have given him consideration on this already unless the Board wants to consider increasing the fine and lowering the period of suspension.

Deputy Attorney General Swang Oo stated that he should be punished in the way that fits the crime. She stated that there are no new reasons except that the brother has to go for surgery and without Jerry Cerrigone in there to continue the practice, they may not be able to continue the business.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold advised that the business is failing because Cosmo isn't there and not because Jerry has a medical problem, that the Board's original decision was very lenient considering the seriousness of the crime and that Cosmo should have considered all of this before he defrauded the tax payers of Essex County.

Mr. Jack Fornaro indicated that the Board should stick with its decision.

Mr. Carlo Melini stated that he does not want to see his whole business get destroyed but that he does think he should have to pay for what he did.

Deputy Attorney General Swang Oo advised that the Board made a decision to deny his request and that in a sense, it is not feasible for him to appeal because he will probably be back to work by the time a decision is rendered.

Ms. Janice Alvarez stated that if he has been in business for over forty years, she does not believe it will go down the way they are claiming.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold indicated that Cosmo Cerrigone committed the crime and agreed to the terms and that if he wants to appeal, the Board should tell him to go ahead and appeal.

Mr. Carlo Melini stated that this is something you have to think about when you are thinking about committing a crime.

Upon motion made by Mr. Christian Jones and seconded by Mr. Jack Fornaro, Mr. LaSala is to be informed that the Board is not willing to modify the terms of the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence received from Ms. Lin Miranda, t/a Lin's Tanning and Boutique, 712 East Bay Avenue, Manahawkin, New Jersey 08758 in connection with the penalties assessed against her in the amount of \$500.00 for the alleged violations resulting out of inspection of her shop on September 29, 2005 was presented to the Board for consideration. She remitted payment of the penalty (\$250.00) assessed against her for operating without a shop license and waived her right to a hearing on the charge of operating without an experienced practicing licensee present but furnished a written explanation for the Board to consider before rendering its final decision.

Upon motion made by Mr. Jack Fornaro and seconded by Mr. Anthony Monaco, the fine stands. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence received from Ms. Roslyn Samtleben, Senior VP Finance, Premier Salons Inc., 3780 14th Avenue, Suite 106, Markham, ON L3R 9Y5 in connection with the penalties assessed against them in the amount of \$450.00 for the alleged violations resulting out of inspection of Premier Salons at Macy's, #20102, East Brunswick Mall, Route 18, East Brunswick, New Jersey on September 29, 2005 was presented to the Board for consideration. She indicated that they would like to waive their right to a hearing but furnished a written explanation for the Board to consider before rendering its final decision.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold suggested that the unsanitary violation should stand but that the Board should consider rescinding the penalty for operating without all minimum required equipment since the regulations only require one shampoo basin.

Upon motion made by Mr. Jack Fornaro and seconded by Ms. Ann Marie Manahan, the penalty for unsanitary conditions stands and the penalty for operating without all minimum required equipment is rescinded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Correspondence received from Mr. Raymond R. Elias, Jr., Supercuts/EHC, 126 Sandra Way, Franklinville, New Jersey 08322 in connection with the penalties assessed against them in the amount of

\$300.00 for the alleged violations resulting out of an inspection of Supercuts, 13B Bethel Road, Somers Point, New Jersey on September 9, 2005 was presented to the Board for consideration. He remitted payment of the penalty (\$100.00) assessed against them for operating without a shop license on display and waived their right to a hearing on the charge of operating without all required minimum equipment (wet sterilizers) but furnished a written explanation for the Board to consider before rendering it's final decision.

Mr. Carlo Melini recused himself from this matter.

Upon motion made by Mr. Jack Fornaro and seconded by Mr. Joseph Santagata, the fine stands. Mr. Carlo Melini recused himself and Mr. Anthony Monaco opposed the motion but the motion passed.

6. Correspondence received from Mr. John P. Murdoch II, Esquire on behalf of Lisa E. Spina in connection with the penalty assessed against her in the amount of \$2500.00 for her alleged violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5B-8 on August 15, 2005 was presented to the Board for consideration. He indicated that she would like to waive her right to a hearing but furnished a written explanation for the Board to consider before rendering it's final decision and asked that the Board reduce the penalty to not more than \$250.00 payable over time.

Upon motion made by Mr. Jerry Speziale and seconded by Mr. Christian Jones, Ms. Lisa Spina is guilty as charged but the penalty is reduced to \$1,500.00 due to mitigating circumstances . The motion passed unanimously.

7. Correspondence received from Mr. Philip Garubo, 104 Minebrook Road, Bernardsville, New Jersey 07924 in connection with the outstanding penalty assessed against him in the amount of \$300.00 for his alleged violation of N.J.S.A. 45:5B-7 at Carmine's Hair Salon, Bernardsville, New Jersey on August 17, 2005 was presented to the Board for consideration. He indicated that he would like to waive his right to a hearing but furnished a written explanation for the Board to consider before rendering it's final decision.

Upon motion made by Mr. Jack Fornaro and seconded by Mr. Joseph Santagata, the fine stands. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carlo Melini announced that the Board has very special presentations to make for very valuable past board members we had the pleasure of working with for several years. He asked Ms. Patricia Graffin to come up, presented her with a plaque from the Board and thanked her for her service.

Ms. Patricia Graffin thanked everyone and stated that it was an honor serving on the Board and that she had learned a lot from the Board members, Mr. Griswold, Jay and Barbara.

Mr. Carlo Melini asked Mr. Peter Macri to come up, presented him with a plaque from the Board and thanked him for his many years of service.

Mr. Peter Macri stated that it was a real pleasure serving and that the new members should really feel special and honored to be on the Board. He indicated that he will always be there to provide any help the Board might need, especially on reinstating the Barber license.

Mr. Carlo Melini indicated that Ms. Frances Tomeo was unable to attend today but asked that Mr. Jack Fornaro accept the plaque on her behalf; and Mr. Fornaro advised that Fran appreciated being on the Board and that she would like to say hello to everyone and wish them good luck in their endeavors.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Carlo Melini distributed copies of the Committee Assignments and asked Ann Marie Manahan which committees she thinks she would be interested in.

Ms. Ann Marie Manahan stated that she will be happy to serve wherever she is needed.

Mr. Carlo Melini advised that Education and Public Relations can use some help; and Ms. Manahan indicated that she will be happy to serve on those committees.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

No Report was given.

### **LEGISLATION:**

Mr. Jack Fornaro reported that all committee work is up to date.

Mr. Christian Jones indicated that the committee will be meeting and that he understands there are legislators willing to sponsor legislation which would re-instate the barber license.

### **VIOLATION:**

Mr. Jerry Speziale reported that all Committee work is up to date.

### **EDUCATION:**

Mr. Carlo Melini indicated that Denise Pereau called him last evening and stated that she is sorry she cannot make the meeting, that she was not feeling good but that she did give him a couple of things to discuss with the Committee. He distributed copies of an outline to the Committee and asked that they review it so that we can discuss it at a future meeting.

Mr. Jack Fornaro advised that a lot of teacher applicants are not passing the licensing exam because they are not educated on the terminology.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold stated that it is because the Board switched over to a national teachers test and a lot of private schools have not changed their teacher curricula.

Mr. Jack Fornaro indicated that the curriculum should be increased from 500 to 1000 hours.

Ms. Janice Alvarez stated that she thought that the quality of the 500 hours should be closely monitored.

Mr. Jack Fornaro advised that they do not know how to shave.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold stated that when we merged the boards, the School Association pushed to decrease the requirements for teachers because they were having problems finding teachers; and that he believes it was a huge mistake and that the Board should consider increasing the hours and experience required.

### **EXAMINATION AND SITES:**

Mr. Joseph Santagata reported that he spoke to Mark Setash before the last meeting and at that time, he said he was trying to get new sites and gave me a 45 day time frame, but he has not gotten back to me yet. Also, he indicated that he would like to say that being on this committee and working on the computer based testing is fine but with the other examination stuff, he does not have a clue and if another member wants to chair the committee, that will be fine with him.

Mr. Jack Fornaro stated that he would not mind doing it.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold indicate that Mr. Fornaro is a public member as is Joe and that maybe someone from the industry would be a better candidate.

Ms. Janice Alvarez stated that she would not mind doing it.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold indicated that he would like to see Joe continue to do it and see the computer based testing through and then maybe Janice can take over.

Ms. Janice Alvarez stated that she is rewriting the oral questions for the teacher's exam and will be submitting them to Jay and Barbara.

Mr. Joseph Santagata indicated that he does not have a clue as to what those questions should be.

Deputy Attorney General Swang Oo suggested that Mr. Santagata can go to Janice for guidance.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold advised that about 4 months ago, Thompson switched the projects person we deal with, that Barbara is very pleased with the service he has been providing and that he would not rule them out but is very impressed with Laser Grade and that test sites at county colleges would be better in his view than Thompson's sites.

Mr. Jack Fornaro stated that the Committee has to get together on this matter and get back to these folks.

Mr. Carlo Melini stated that the Board gave him 45 days and that he has about 15 days left.

Mr. Fornaro stated that he would like to see the sites.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold stated that he will e-mail Mark Setash, that it appeals to him that Laser Grade brings the NIC test but that he agrees that we really have to get going.

Mr. Jack Fornaro asked about the mass testing.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold advised that the Board, as a courtesy, worked with the Department of Education to conduct the special tests but that it's up to the Department of Education and that he hasn't heard anything from them.

## SCHOOL

Ms. Janice Alvarez reported that all Committee work is up to date.

Mr. Carlo Melini stated that he sent everyone an e-mail, that he would like everyone to think about what they feel are the most crucial concerns of the industry and that he would like to discuss them at the next meeting to establish some long term and short term goals.

Mr. Jack Fornaro asked Mr. Carlo Melini to put him down for computer based testing.

Mr. Richard G. Griswold suggested that the Board's first two projects should probably be computer based testing and the barber license.

Upon motion made by Mr. Christian Jones and seconded by Mr. Anthony Monaco, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.. The motion passed unanimously.

CARLO MELINI, Chairperson

Countersigned:

RICHARD G. GRISWOLD, Executive Director