

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS
Microsoft Teams
Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 10:00 a.m. CST

Chairman Ivey called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. CST. Ivey called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present electronically: Len Ivey
Jeff Runyan
Kristi Wright

Others Present electronically: Adrian Ness, Program Director
Gerald McCabe, DLR Division Director
Donnie Valderama, SD Barber College
Justin Loesch
James Best

The Board held elections for the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

Runyan nominated himself for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Wright motioned to accept Runyan's nomination. Ivey seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Runyan made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Ivey seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Runyan made a motion to approve the June 2, 2025, meeting minutes. Wright seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ness reviewed the financial reports. Wright made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Runyan seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Public comment was received from Donnie Valderama who shared his suggestions on the practical examination and the student's preparation for the exam.

Public comment was also received from Justin Loesch who shared his thoughts on combining the barber board and cosmetology commission.

Board members discussed the inspection schedule and returning to full operation by completing annual routine inspections and new shop inspections as submitted. Runyan made a motion to approve the inspection schedule. Ivey seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

The board discussed the possibility of adding a booth rental license for barbers.

The board discussed discontinuing the practical examination as well as other cost-saving options.

The board discussed the possibility of combining the board with the Cosmetology Commission and the pros and cons thereof

McCabe reviewed and discussed the open meeting laws with the board. Additional information can be found in the meeting packet.

Ivey made a motion to acknowledge the board's review of the South Dakota Attorney General's Office guidance on open meeting laws. Wright seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED.

Ivey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Runyan seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

The board was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. CST.