

Georgia Occupational Regulation Review Council

Meeting Minutes: November 14, 2022

Attendees GORRC Members

Meaghan Carver, Chair, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
Kelly Dudley (SAO)
Ashley Short (AGR)
Kate Iannuzzi (DNR)
Graham Segrest (DPH)
Sen. Ed Harbison, Georgia Senate

Absent:

Georgia Steele, Department of Revenue (DOR)
Sam Teasley, Secretary of State (SOS)
Rep. Tom Kirby, Georgia House of Representatives

Other Attendees and Affiliation

Advocates:
Kay Kendrick, Georgia Board of Cosmetology and Barbers Chair

OPB Staff:
Zach Gilbert

I. Call to Order

Chair, Meaghan Carver, called the meeting to order at 1PM and welcomed the members of the Council to the first meeting regarding HB 1617.

II. Introduction of Members, GORRC Process, and Schedule

Meaghan Carver presented an overview of the GORRC process and the upcoming meetings. Mrs. Carver informed the council to begin checking for availability for a GORRC meeting to take place on December 9, 2022 as a replacement for the meeting scheduled for December 6, 2022.

III. Overview of House Bill 1617

The chair introduced HB 1617 LC 36 5336 for discussion.

IV. Scheduled Discussion

- a. Kay Kendrick, applicant group representative, Chair of the Georgia State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers.

Kay Kendrick presented a summary of this bill and what it addresses. She stated that the goal of this legislation was to simplify the current legislative language pertaining to barbers and cosmetologists. Ms. Kendrick said that a more user-friendly section of code is preferred for the people within these occupations who may have to review the O.C.G.A. at times. Ms. Kendrick also mentioned that the bill also includes a new license for hair removal technicians. Another goal of this bill mentioned by Ms. Kendrick was the clarification of the law regarding what facilities meet the requirements for these specific professions to be operated. Ms. Kendrick stated that O.C.G.A. 43-10-15 will be inserted

into HB 1617 for the disciplinary powers of the board which were missing from the submitted version of HB 1617.

Meaghan Carver asked if the exact same language in O.C.G.A. 43-10-15 will be included in a future version of HB 1617 and if GORRC can receive an updated version of the bill with that portion included.

- Kay Kendrick answered that the exact same language will be implemented and that she will try to get an update version of the bill sent out later in the day.

Meaghan Carver said that an updated version of the bill would be preferably received ahead of the second meeting and that it may be best to receive an updated GORRC request from Chairman Powell with the updated LC number.

- Kay Kendrick acknowledged this suggestion and introduced herself to the council as she did not officially do so earlier.

Kelly Dudley asked about the intent of the hair removal license addition.

- Kay Kendrick stated that the addition of hair removal licenses allows those who want to perform waxing and other similar services to avoid the long study courses for other professional licenses that contain the scope of hair removal. She also stated some past examples of the potential harm that a lack of training in hair removal services could create.

Meaghan Carver asked for clarification regarding whether hair removal technicians are the only license being added under HB 1617.

- Kay Kendrick agreed that under HB 1617, licensure for hair removal technicians is the only license being added. She also stated that the schools in this state already have the materials and exams for hair removal technicians and would not cost any extra for the state to add this license.

Kelly Dudley asked about the impacts of small businesses by adding licensure requirements for hair removal.

- Kay Kendrick stated that she did not have an exact number but that on a monthly basis, inspectors may find 8 to 10 people waxing without a license.

Meaghan Carver stated that between the next meeting it may be beneficial to see the number of businesses in the state that are registered offering these services.

- Kay Kendrick stated that 97,000 facilities are registered, and that the majority of these shops can do the waxing services

b. Zach Gilbert presented OPB Staff Research

Sen. Ed Harbison asked a question about the age requirements changing from 16 to 17.

- Zach Gilbert stated that the bill makes 17 the age requirement for all the professions mentioned in the bill.
- Kay Kendrick explained that the age increase was added because too many students were dropping out of school to pursue these types of occupations. She also

explained why the hours for the apprenticeship program are the specific numbers that they are.

V. Public Comment

Meaghan Carver asked for any additional questions or comments. There were none.

VI. Announcement of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on November 30, 2022, from 1-2 PM. The council agreed to move the meeting scheduled for December 6, 2022, to December 9, 2022 from 1-2 PM.

VII. Adjourn