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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY**

**Nevada State Board of Cosmetology
Meeting Notice and Agenda**

Monday, March 30, 2026, 9:00 am

This meeting will be held via remote technology and in-person locations.

In-person locations:

Southern Nevada:

Las Vegas Office Address
8945 West Russell Road, Suite 200
Las Vegas, Nevada 89148

Northern Nevada:

Reno Office Address
740 Del Monte Lane, Suite 12
Reno, Nevada 89511

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The meeting agenda and any supporting documents can be found on the Board's website, www.nvcosmo.com pursuant to NRS 241.020 (11).

STACKED CALENDAR: In accordance with NRS 241, the Board may consider agenda items taken out of order, may combine two or more agenda items for consideration, may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time, may continue the meeting as deemed necessary, conduct a closed meeting to consider the character, allegations of misconduct, professional competence, or physical and mental health of a person.

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This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations:

State of Nevada Website: notice.nv.gov.

State of Nevada Board of Cosmetology (Southern Office)

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Nevada State Board of Cosmetology website www.nvcosmo.com

In Attendance: Anita Douglass; Bertha Jackson; Erica Swick; Janie Huggins; Jennifer Sweetland-Jeffers; Karen Moreno; Lauren Gossage; Molly O’Bryant; Roxanne Pruitt Harris; Sierra Wold; Steven McDonald; Todd M. Weiss, Esq., Senior Deputy Attorney General; Joseph Ostunio Deputy Attorney General

Not in Attendance: William Dettrey JR;

Agenda

1. Roll Call

- a. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am PDT.**

2. Mission Statement

- a. The mission of the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of those that obtain cosmetology-related services through the delivery of quality Testing, Licensing, Inspection, and Education Services that focus on consumer protection.**

3. Comments from the General Public- *For discussion only*

- a. The Board will entertain comments from the general public for any item that is related to the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology.

Members of the public can call into the meeting to make public comments by dialing 1 720 707 2699 and entering 880 3316 4946 for the meeting ID. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes or less. No discussion or action can be taken during public comment.

- **Elizabeth R. Brennan, Esq., an attorney for the Cosmetology Institute of Las Vegas, raised concerns about potential non-compliance with open meeting laws regarding the meeting time notice on the website.**
- **Tiffany Alston shared a positive experience about her daughter receiving services at the Cosmetology Institute of Las Vegas.**

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)- *For discussion and possible action*

- a. The Board is to approve minutes from the March 9, 2026 Board meeting.

- **The Board voted to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2026 Board meeting.**
 - **Motion: Sierra Wold**
 - **Second: Roxanne Pruitt Harris**

5. Complaints: Continuation from February 23, 2026 disciplinary hearing.

- a. **Public Hearing on Complaint No. C-2026-0018 - *For discussion and possible action***

- i. The Board will conduct the disciplinary hearing regarding the allegations in the Complaint filed on January 29, 2026, against Respondent, Cosmetology Institute Of Las Vegas, License No. SC-14500; Business ID No. NV20141256798, Denise Dixon, owner/operator. Upon conclusion of the hearing, possible action includes the imposition of discipline.

1. Appearances: Joseph P. Ostunio, Esq., Deputy Attorney General, for the Board, Todd M. Weiss, Esq., Senior Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to the Board, Elizabeth R. Brennan, Esq., for Respondent.

- **The hearing on Cosmetology Institute Of Las Vegas, License No. SC-14500; Business ID No. NV20141256798, Denise Dixon, owner/operator was heard and continued for closing statement to another meeting date and time to be determined.**

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- **Tiffany Alston described Cosmetology Institute Of Las Vegas as a supportive and meaningful place where people of all ages feel cared for, respected, and valued. She emphasized that the community cannot be easily replaced or rebuilt if lost, and its absence would leave a negative impact. Tiffany Alston urges the Board to not close the school, but instead protect, strengthen, and invest in it because of its importance.**
- **James Salazar addressed current Nevada regulations and national reform efforts. He shared his experience speaking with lawmakers in Oregon and California regarding these issues. Mr. Salazar requested the Board members to review the work of Melanie Armstrong who advocated for hair braiding reform in Mississippi. Mr. Salazar noted that the hair braiding reform has opened doors for Hair Braiders in Mississippi and across the country. He mentioned a movie called "Freedom Hair" that discusses the issue he is talking about. Mr. Salazar requested the Board to consider advocacy similar to Melanie Armstrong's. Mr. Salazar spoke about licensing for construction contractors. and requested the Board to consider meeting in the middle to create further opportunity so America and the economy could benefit.**
- **Asha Jones sent in a written public comment. Please see the attached.**

7. Comments from Board Members- *For discussion only*

- a. The Board will entertain comments from the Board Members for any item that is or is not on the published agenda and is related to the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology.

No action can be taken on a matter unless it is included in an agenda.

Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes or less.

- **There were no comments from the Board members.**

8. Adjournment- *For possible action*

- **The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm PDT.**

Asha Jones

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Asha Jones, and I am here today to speak in support of Denise Dixon.

I have known Denise since she opened the Cosmetology Institute of Las Vegas. I first became aware of her through a professional women's luncheon, where she spoke about her vision of opening a cosmetology school. Although we did not meet that day, I continued to hear her name throughout the community as she worked to bring that vision to life.

After the school opened in North Las Vegas, I reached out and began engaging with Denise across a range of community-focused efforts. Over time, she has become a trusted resource someone I confidently refer individuals to, knowing they will be treated with professionalism, care, and respect. In an industry where services are personal and often vulnerable, that level of trust matters.

I have observed Denise working closely with her students guiding them, correcting them, and ensuring they understand not just the technical aspects of their craft, but the importance of client care. I have also personally received services at the school, and as someone with thick, textured hair, I saw firsthand how she teaches students to approach each client thoughtfully, with the right products and techniques.

The students reflect that training. They demonstrate patience, particularly with community elders, and consistently provide respectful, attentive service. That culture does not happen by accident—it is a direct reflection of Denise's leadership and standards.

Beyond the classroom, Denise shows up for the community. She supports individuals in both everyday and urgent situations, and she takes the time to connect meaningfully with clients and students alike. She is widely respected—not only by those she serves, but also by community and business leaders who recognize the value of her work.

The Cosmetology Institute of Las Vegas is more than a training facility. It is a place of opportunity, skill-building, and community uplift. Denise is creating pathways for individuals while providing a needed service with integrity and care.

I respectfully encourage the Board to take into full consideration Denise's contributions, her commitment to high standards, and the positive impact she and her school continue to have on the community as you evaluate next steps.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Asha Jones