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To ensure the health and safety of California consumers by promoting ethical standards and by enforcing the laws of the barbering and beauty industry.

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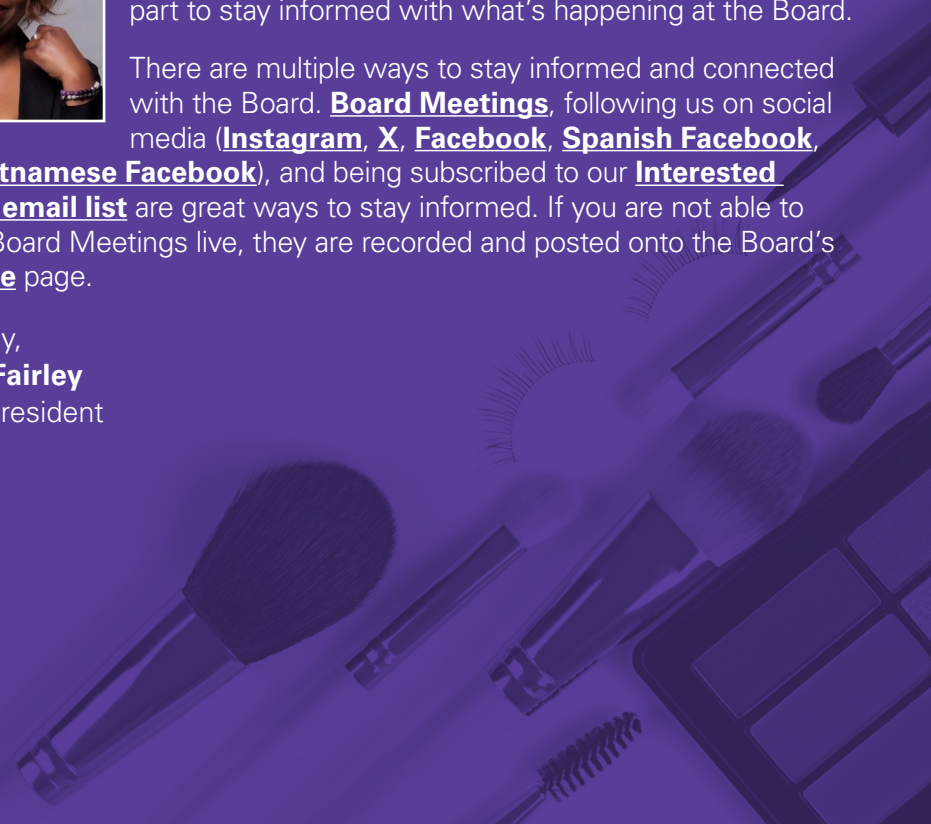
## Message from the President



Thank you for taking time from your busy day to read this issue of The BarberCosmo Update! Whether you are a consumer, licensee, student, or instructor, the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology appreciates you doing your part to stay informed with what’s happening at the Board.

There are multiple ways to stay informed and connected with the Board. **Board Meetings**, following us on social media (**Instagram, X, Facebook, Spanish Facebook, and Vietnamese Facebook**), and being subscribed to our **Interested Parties email list** are great ways to stay informed. If you are not able to attend Board Meetings live, they are recorded and posted onto the Board’s **YouTube** page.

Sincerely,  
**Tonya Fairley**  
Board President





## Message from the Executive Officer

This industry is very exciting and offers a creative outlook, but the Board would like to remind our licensees that it does not approve or regulate equipment or products used in the barbering and cosmetology industry. Every year, thousands of machines are manufactured and brought into the United States. These machines may or may not have gone through proper testing. Be diligent - make sure you know what you are buying. The Board does not have regulatory authority over the manufacturing and/or selling of machinery. It

is the licensee's responsibility to know if they can use the purchased machine within their respective scope of practice, including at California trade shows.

As an industry, please do your part to review your scope of practice, research the machine you're interested in purchasing, and make a conscious effort to give consumers a healthy and safe salon experience!

**Kristy Underwood**  
Executive Officer

## Expert Consultants Wanted

Most licensees are familiar with the Board's inspection program, in which the Board may issue a citation for a violation of its laws and regulations. However, for more serious cases involving harm to consumers, the Board may take formal disciplinary action that can lead to a license being placed on probation or even revoked. In these instances, the Board uses experts from the ranks of the professions themselves to evaluate the evidence against a licensee and, if necessary, testify at administrative hearings.

This is where expert consultants come in. Expert consultants review case materials, investigative

reports, prepare written opinions, and possibly testify at administrative hearings involving licensees accused of incompetence, gross negligence, or unprofessional conduct.

Expert consultant applicants must possess the following minimum qualifications:

1. A current and active license in their profession.
2. A license in good standing, with no prior disciplinary actions or convictions, no pending investigations, and no outstanding administrative fines.
3. Ongoing work in the specific field of expertise, with five years of experience in that field.
4. A current, working knowledge of the Board's laws, rules, and regulations.
5. Consistent, ongoing face-to-face client contact in a licensed establishment.
6. Strong persuasive writing skills, with the ability to express ideas logically and critically.
7. Willingness to serve as an expert consultant for three consecutive years.

For more information or to view the application, please visit: [https://barbercosmo.ca.gov/enforcement/expert\\_recruit.shtml](https://barbercosmo.ca.gov/enforcement/expert_recruit.shtml).





## Board Members



**Tonya Fairley**, Industry Member, President

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## Have You Considered Serving as a Board Member?

How would you like to contribute to the growth of the barbering and cosmetology industry within California? The Board currently has two vacancies and is seeking a California-licensed establishment owner and an electrologist to serve as board members.

Board members help shape the direction of the beauty and barbering industries with their collective decision-making. Board members provide policy direction, participate in voting on disciplinary matters, and approve regulation packages.

Board members are expected to attend quarterly board meetings and the ad hoc committee meetings they are appointed to. Board members must also commit time to reviewing meeting materials and attending all trainings.

The first step to becoming a board or committee member is to apply to the office of the appropriate

appointing official. The current open positions are appointed by the governor's office. To apply for a board member appointment, visit the following website:

[www.gov.ca.gov/join-the-administration/government-appointments/](http://www.gov.ca.gov/join-the-administration/government-appointments/)

Contact information for the appointing office:

**Office of Governor Gavin Newsom**

1021 O St., Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 445-2841

Once you've applied, you may be contacted for an interview, and a final selection will be made to confirm an appointment. If you have further questions about being a board member, please visit the [Department of Consumer Affairs website](#).



## Renewal Reminder

Do you know when your license expires? Now is a good time to check! Board licenses renew on a two-year cycle based on the previous expiration date. For example, if your license expires January 31, 2026, your expiration date after renewal will become January 31, 2028. Your expiration date is not based on the date you renew.

A timely renewal fee for personal licenses (barber, cosmetologist, hairstylist, electrologist, esthetician, and manicurist) is \$50. A delinquent (late) renewal fee for personal licenses is \$25 – bringing the total renewal fee to \$75.

A timely establishment renewal fee is \$40. A delinquent establishment renewal fee is \$20 – bringing the total renewal fee to \$60.



## Consumer Corner: Why Licensed Cosmetologists Matter

When it comes to your hair, trust isn't just about style—it's about safety. Licensed cosmetologists do more than create beautiful looks; they follow strict health and safety standards to protect you.



### What Does It Mean to Be Licensed?

In California, cosmetologists must complete 1,000 hours of extensive training and pass a state exam to earn their license through the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. This ensures they understand proper sanitation, chemical handling, and techniques that prevent injury or infection.

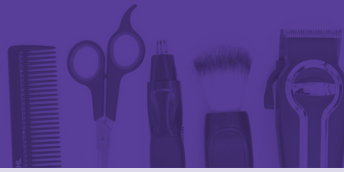
### Why Is This Important?

Unlicensed individuals may not follow these standards, putting clients at risk for:

- Chemical burns from improper color or relaxer application.
- Skin infections from dirty tools.
- Hair damage from incorrect techniques.

### How Can You Protect Yourself?

Before booking an appointment, verify your cosmetologist's license at [www.barbercosmo.ca.gov](http://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov).



## Were You Recently Inspected? The Board Wants Your Feedback!

Help the Board improve the quality of its services by completing this short, anonymous survey:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/establishmentinspectionsurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/establishmentinspectionsurvey)

Your participation is voluntary and anonymous, and your responses will not affect the outcome of your inspection.



## “Can I lock rooms, cabinets, and drawers in my establishment?”

If your establishment contains locked rooms, cabinets, or drawers, keys must be readily accessible at all times. The Board recommends the owner or manager retain a copy of all keys and designate a licensee to provide access when they are not on the premises.

Failure to provide access to any part of the establishment may result in a citation and a fine of up to \$750.



## 2026 Board Meetings

- **February 23, 2026–Sacramento**
- **April 6, 2026–Sacramento**
- **May 18, 2026–Sacramento**
- **August 17, 2026–Sacramento**
- **November 16, 2026–San Diego**

Board meetings are open to the public, except when specifically noticed otherwise in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The audience is given appropriate opportunities to comment on any issue presented in open session before the Board, but the president may apportion available time among those who wish to speak. The public can comment on individual agenda items and are afforded an opportunity at the beginning of each meeting to comment on any item not on the agenda. The Board tries to webcast every public meeting of the Board; however, this is only provided when resources are available. For additional meeting details, please visit [https://barbercosmo.ca.gov/about\\_us/meetings/index.shtml](https://barbercosmo.ca.gov/about_us/meetings/index.shtml).



## New Disinfectant Available

In the salon world, your tools are your craft—and keeping them clean isn't just good practice, it's the law. From combs to clippers and brushes, every item that touches a client must be properly disinfected to protect their health and your reputation. Improperly disinfected tools can harbor bacteria, viruses, and fungi leading to infections, skin irritations, or worse. Even if tools look clean, invisible pathogens can linger—putting clients and staff at risk.

OxiTab is a Board-approved tablet-based disinfectant that dissolves in water to create a powerful, salon-safe solution. It's designed to make proper disinfection easy, effective, and consistent.

Why It Works for Tools:

- EPA-Registered: Proven to kill a wide range of pathogens, including those commonly found in salon environments.
- Residue-Free: Leaves tools clean without sticky buildup or harsh chemical smells.

- Safe on Metals & Plastics: Gentle enough for daily use on shears, combs, clips, and more.
- Quick & Convenient: Just drop a tablet into water—no measuring, no mess, no guesswork.

Clients notice when your tools are clean, organized, and handled with care. A visible, consistent disinfection routine not only protects their health—it builds trust and loyalty.

*The Board of Barbering and Cosmetology does not endorse or recommend any specific brand of disinfectant. However, we are providing information about OxiTab disinfectant solely for informational purposes. Licensees are reminded to ensure that any disinfectant used in their establishment complies with all applicable state regulations and is an EPA-registered disinfectant with demonstrated bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal activity, used according to manufacturer's instructions.*





# Microblading

Microblading has become a popular beauty service in recent years, offering clients a semi-permanent solution for fuller, natural-looking eyebrows. Microblading is a form of cosmetic tattooing that uses a handheld tool with tiny needles to deposit pigment into the skin, creating fine, hair-like strokes that mimic natural eyebrow hairs. Unlike traditional tattoos, microblading is semi-permanent and typically lasts one to three years, depending on skin type and aftercare.

Many consumers are surprised to learn that microblading is not regulated by the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. Unlike services such as hair cutting, nail care, and esthetics—all requiring licensure and oversight by the Board—microblading falls under the

category of body art. This means it is regulated at the local level by county health departments, not by the state Board. Practitioners must comply with local health and safety requirements, including permits and training in bloodborne pathogens, but they do not need a cosmetology or esthetician license to perform the service.

Consumers should always verify that their microblading artist is properly permitted by their local health authority and follows strict sanitation practices. Likewise, professionals interested in offering microblading should contact their county health department for guidance on compliance.

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## In-Person Payments Accepted at the Following Location:

Department of Consumer Affairs  
1625 North Market Blvd., Ste. 100  
Sacramento, CA 95834

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(excluding state holidays)

Download and bring any forms needed from:  
[www.barbercosmo.ca.gov/forms\\_pubs/index.shtml](https://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov/forms_pubs/index.shtml).

Only cash (for the exact amount), checks, cashier's checks, and money orders are accepted.

Credit card payments are not accepted in person.

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## Have You Recently Moved?

It is important that the Board has accurate addresses on file should the Board need to contact its licensees or applicants. Government mail is not forwarded by the Post Office. Remember to update your home address through **BreEZe**. Licensees are required by law to notify the Board within 30 days if they change their address of record.

## Interested In Beginning Your State Career?

Visit the Board's **Job Opportunities page** at [www.barbercosmo.ca.gov](https://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov) to view current job announcements and information on how to apply.

Benefits include:

- Opportunities for career advancement.
- Great state retirement and medical/dental plans.
- Free on-site parking and access to public transportation.
- Work hours 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday–Friday, weekends off, and paid holidays off.
- Hybrid telework options.

## Subscribe to the Board's Email List to Receive Updates on Regulations, Board Meetings, Important Bulletins, and More!

<https://barbercosmo.ca.gov/webapplications/apps/subscribe/index.shtml>.

## Have a Question?

Check out the **Frequently Asked Questions** webpage at [www.barbercosmo.ca.gov](https://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov).

## Contact Us

- Applicants, licensees, and members of the public may call 1-800-952-5210 or email [barbercosmo@dca.ca.gov](mailto:barbercosmo@dca.ca.gov) for questions not answered on our **FAQs page**.
- School owners and administrators: email [BBC.Schools@dca.ca.gov](mailto:BBC.Schools@dca.ca.gov).
- Apprenticeship sponsors: email [BBC.Apprentice@dca.ca.gov](mailto:BBC.Apprentice@dca.ca.gov).

