

I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is an agency of the state of Missouri created and established pursuant to § 329.015, RSMo,¹ for the purpose of licensing all persons engaged in the practice of barbering and cosmetology in this state. The Board has control and supervision of the licensed occupations and enforcement of the terms and provisions of Chapters 328 and 329, RSMo.

2. On or about November 27, 2013, Veronica L. Atkins applied for a cosmetology student license to enroll at Regency Beauty Institute, 259 Salt Lick Road, St. Peters, Missouri.

3. On her application, Applicant answered “yes” to the question “Have you been adjudicated and found guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution in this state, or of the United States, whether or not sentence was imposed?”

4. With her application, Atkins provided a statement regarding her answer of “yes” to the question regarding criminal history. She stated that in 2004 she was sentenced to ten years’ incarceration for two counts of first degree armed robbery, one count of attempted robbery and three counts of grand larceny. She stated she is not proud of what she did and takes full responsibility for her actions. She stated that during her incarceration she received her G.E.D., completed anger replacement training and received her C.A.S.A.C.T. at Medialle College with 30 credits. She stated she has paid for her crime and her debt is still being paid while on supervision of parole.

5. On or about December 8, 2013, Atkins provided an additional statement regarding her criminal history. She stated that during her incarceration she became a public health educator and that the C.A.S.A.C.T. means she is a credentialed alcohol and substance abuse

¹ All statutory references are to Missouri Revised Statutes 2000, as amended, unless otherwise indicated.

counselor in the State of New York. She stated she is also certified by the Department of Labor as a Public Health Educator. Regarding her criminal history, she stated that at the age of 21, she started using drugs, crack cocaine and marijuana. She stated she became addicted immediately and started stealing from friends and family. She stated she moved to New York, thinking the change would get her away from the problems she was having in Missouri. She stated there, she began prostituting and stealing electronics to obtain drugs. She stated that after partying for days, she went with another individual to rob a bank for money for drugs. She stated she was the driver while he went inside the bank. She stated he got back in the car and she sped away. She stated they were caught a couple of days later. She stated she served about two years in prison for the crime. She stated that soon after her release, three days, she robbed a bank and became addicted to that as well. She stated that prison saved her life from the streets and a "killer addiction." She stated she is not that same person today. She stated cosmetology is her dream.

6. On or about July 23, 2004, Atkins was convicted of attempted robbery in the first degree, robbery in the first degree and grand larceny in the Monroe County, New York court. The Court sentenced Atkins to ten years' incarceration on each count to be served concurrently.

II.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7. The Board has authority to deny or refuse a license application pursuant to § 329.140.1, RSMo, which provides:

The board may refuse to issue any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license required pursuant to this chapter for one or any combination of causes stated in subsection 2 of this section. The board shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal and shall advise the applicant of his right to file a complaint with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo.

8. The Board has cause to deny or refuse Atkins' application for a cosmetology student license pursuant to § 329.140.2, RSMo, which provides:

The board may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo, against any holder of any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license required by this chapter or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered the person's certificate of registration or authority, permit or license for any one or any combination of the following causes:

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(2) The person has been finally adjudicated and found guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution under the laws of any state or of the United States, for any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any profession licensed or regulated under this chapter, for any offense an essential element of which is fraud, dishonesty or an act of violence, or for any offense involving moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed[.]

9. As a result of Atkins' actions as set forth in paragraphs 3 through 6 above, the Board has cause to deny or refuse Atkins' application for a cosmetology student license pursuant to § 329.140.1, RSMo, and § 329.140.2(2), RSMo.

10. As an alternative to refusing to issue a license, the Board may, at its discretion, issue a license subject to probation, pursuant to § 324.038, RSMo, which provides:

Whenever a board within or assigned to the division of professional registration, including the division itself when so empowered, may refuse to issue a license for reasons which also serve as a basis for filing a complaint with the administrative hearing commission seeking disciplinary action against a holder of a license, the board, as an alternative to refusing to issue a license, may, at its discretion, issue to an applicant a license subject to probation.

11. The Board issues this Order in lieu of denial of Atkins' application for a cosmetology student license. The Board has determined that this Order is necessary to ensure the protection of the public.

III.

ORDER

12. Based on the foregoing, Veronica Atkins is granted a cosmetology **student license**, which is hereby placed on **PROBATION** for the period during which she is enrolled in cosmetology school and receiving training hours, not to exceed five (5) years from the effective date of this Order. During the aforementioned probation, Veronica Atkins shall be entitled to enroll as a cosmetology student subject to the following terms and conditions.

IV.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

13. During the aforementioned probation, Veronica Atkins shall be entitled to enroll as a cosmetology student subject to the following terms and conditions:

- A. During the disciplinary period, Applicant shall comply with all provisions of Chapter 329, RSMo, all applicable board regulations, all applicable federal and state drug laws, *rules and regulations and all applicable federal and state criminal laws*. "State" includes the state of Missouri, all other states and territories of the United States, and the ordinances of their political subdivisions.
- B. During the disciplinary period, Applicant shall keep the Board informed of Applicant's current work and home telephone numbers. Applicant shall notify the Board in writing within ten days (10) of any change in this information.
- C. During the probationary period, Applicant shall timely renew Applicant's student license granted hereby and shall timely pay all fees required for licensure and comply with all other Board requirements necessary to maintain said license in a current and active state.
- D. During the probationary period, Applicant shall accept and comply with unannounced visits from the Board's representatives to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.
- E. During the disciplinary period, Applicant shall appear in person for interviews with the Board or its designee upon request.
- F. Applicant shall submit written reports to the Board on or before January 1 and July 1 during each year of the probationary period stating truthfully whether there has been

compliance with all terms and conditions of this Order. The first such report shall be received by the Board on or before July 1, 2014.

- G. If, at any time during the probationary period, Applicant changes Applicant's address from the state of Missouri, or ceases to maintain Applicant's cosmetology student license current or active under the provisions of Chapter 329, RSMo, or fails to keep the Board advised of all current places of residence, the time of such absence, unlicensed or inactive status, or unknown whereabouts shall not be deemed or taken to satisfy any part of the probationary period.
- H. The Board retains jurisdiction to hold a hearing at any time to determine if a violation of this Order has occurred and, if a violation of this Order has occurred, may seek to amend this Order or impose further disciplinary or appropriate action at the discretion of the Board. No order shall be entered by the Board pursuant to this paragraph without any required notice and opportunity for a hearing before the Board as provided by Chapter 536, RSMo.
- I. Unless otherwise specified by the Board, all reports, documentation, notices, or other materials required to be submitted to the Board shall be forwarded to: Missouri State Board of Cosmetology and Barber Examiners, P.O. Box 1062, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.
- J. Any failure by Applicant to comply with any condition of discipline set forth herein constitutes a violation of this Order.

14. This Order does not bind the Board or restrict the remedies available to it concerning any violation by Applicant of the terms and conditions of this Order, Chapter 329, RSMo, or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

15. The Board will maintain this Order as an open, public record of the Board as provided in Chapters 329, 610 and 324, RSMo.

SO ORDERED, EFFECTIVE THIS 25 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY
AND BARBER EXAMINERS



Emily Carroll, Executive Director