

I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is an agency of the state of Missouri created and established pursuant to § 329.015, RSMo, 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 July 7, 2016, Vernon applied for a Missouri cosmetology student license to enroll at Sam Brown's Cosmetology and Barber Institute, 1729 W. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri.

3. On her application, Vernon answered "yes" to the question "Have you been finally 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. In conjunction with her July 7, 2016 application, Vernon provided an explanation of her criminal history in which she noted youthful in-maturity and a bad personal relationship as influencing factors. Vernon credited her incarceration with helping her to get on track and allow her to pursue her "dream" of a cosmetology career.

5. A review of Vernon's Missouri criminal history reveals that:

a. On or about, February 26, 2008, Vernon pled guilty to the class C misdemeanor of *Exceeded Posted Speed Limit (Exceeded By 11 – 15 Mph)*, case number 060624772.

Vernon received a fine payable to the Cole County Fine Collection Center.

b. On or about, April 15, 2008, Vernon pled guilty to the infraction of *Driver/Front Seat Passenger Fail to Wear Properly Adjusted/Fastened Safety Belt*, case number

060624246. Vernon received a fine payable to the Miller County Fine Collection Center.

c. On or about, August 12, 2009, Vernon pled guilty to the infraction of *Fail To Drive Within Right Lane Of Hwy With 2 Or More Lanes In Same Direction*, in the Circuit Court of Miller County, Missouri, case number 09ML-CR00157. The Court sentenced Vernon to pay a fine.

d. On or about, December 3, 2009, Vernon pled guilty to the class B misdemeanor of *Dwi – Drug Intoxication*, in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri, case number 09AC-CR00205. The Court sentenced Vernon to 90 days jail incarceration, then suspended execution of sentence and placed Vernon on 2 years unsupervised probation. Vernon was subsequently sentenced to 10 days jail incarceration and approved for electronic shackle program. Vernon was ordered to enroll in a substance abuse traffic program and a victims impact panel. On or about November 4, 2010, Vernon's probation was revoked and she was sentenced to serve 90 days jail incarceration.

e. On or about, February 22, 2010, Vernon pled guilty to the class A misdemeanor of *Leaving Scene Of Motor Vehicle Accident*, in the Circuit Court of Miller County, Missouri, case number 09ML-CR00681. The Court suspended imposition of sentence and placed Vernon of 2 years' probation. Vernon's probation was revoked on June 10, 2013, and she was incarceration in the county jail for 10 days.

f. On or about, February 22, 2010, Vernon pled guilty to the class B misdemeanor of *Oper A Motor Vehicle In A Careless And Imprudent Manner*, in the Circuit Court of Miller County, Missouri, case number 09ML-CR00681. The Court sentenced Vernon to pay a fine.

g. On or about, July 30, 2010, Vernon pled guilty to the class B misdemeanor of

Making False Report, in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri, case number 10AC-CR00303. The Court sentenced Vernon to 15 days jail incarceration followed by electronic shackle program approval any 120 days' under house arrest.

h. On or about, November 4, 2010, Vernon pled guilty to the class A Misdemeanor of *Theft/Stealing (Value Of Property Or Services Is Less Than \$500)*, in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri, case number 10AC-CR02780. The Court sentenced Vernon to 30 days jail incarceration followed by electronic shackle program approval any 120 days' under house arrest.

i. On or about, November 17, 2011, Vernon pled guilty to the class B felony of *Robbery – 2nd Degree*; class C felony of *Atmp-Robbery – 2nd Degree*; and class C felony of *Theft/Stealing Of Any Credit Card Or Letter Of Credit*, in the Circuit Court of St. Charles County, Missouri, case number 1111-CR02811-01. The Court sentenced Vernon to incarceration with the Missouri Department of Corrections of 8 years on the class B felony and 7 years on each class C felony, all to run concurrently. Vernon was paroled on May 26, 2016.

j. On or about, May 7, 2012, Vernon pled guilty to the class C felony of *Possession Of Controlled Substance Except 35 Grams Or Less Of Marijuana and the class D felony of Dwi – Alcohol – Persistent Offender*, in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri, case number 10AC-CR03365-01. The Court sentenced Vernon to 4 years' incarceration with the Missouri Department of Corrections on both counts, to run concurrently.

k. On or about, June 10, 2013, Vernon pled guilty to the class B misdemeanor of *Identity Theft/Attempt Identity Theft – 1st Offense*, in the Circuit Court of Miller County, Missouri, case number 11ML-CR00070. The Court sentenced Vernon to jail

incarceration of 10 days.

II.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. 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.

7. The Board has cause to deny or refuse Vernon's 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:

...

(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[.]

8. As a result of Vernon's guilty pleas as detailed in paragraph 5 a – k above, the Board has cause to deny or refuse Vernon's application for a cosmetology student license pursuant to § 329.140.1, RSMo, and § 329.140.2(2), RSMo.

9. 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.

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

III.

ORDER

11. Based on the foregoing, Ariel A. Vernon 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, Ariel A. Vernon shall be entitled to enroll as a cosmetology student subject to the following terms and conditions.

IV.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

12. During the aforementioned probation, Ariel A. Vernon, 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 accept and comply with unannounced visits from the Board's representatives to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.
- D. During the disciplinary period, Applicant shall appear in person for interviews with the Board or its designee upon request.
- E. 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 January 1, 2017.
- F. If, at any time during the probationary period, Applicant changes Applicant's address from the state of Missouri, or ceases to maintain Applicant's 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.
- G. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. Any failure by Applicant to comply with any condition of discipline set forth herein constitutes a violation of this Order.

13. 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.

14. 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 14th DAY OF July 2016.

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY
AND BARBER EXAMINERS



Emily R. Carroll, Executive Director