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COLORADO BOARD OF PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS
June 24, 2025 at 9:32 a.m.

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Board Members Present:
Jessica Wagner Vice Chair;
Chris Smith;
Jennifer Hash; and
Chad J. Nash

Board Members Absent:
JoAnn Stevens, Chair;
Ellen Wamser, Secretary; and
Scott Cardona

Division Staff Present:
Chief Occupational Education Officer/Director Lorna Candler;
Deputy Director & Compliance Officer Mary Kanaly;
Compliance Investigator Lisa Combs;
Program Specialist Rachel Acosta;
Program Specialist Martha Torres-Recinos;
Program Specialist Austin Bentz;
Program Specialist Kerrie Solis;
Program Specialist Assistant Bernadette Esquibel; and
Division Specialist Kristi Connors

Board Counsel Present:
Senior Assistant Attorney General Natalie Powell, Office of the Colorado Attorney General; and
Assistant Attorney General Paige Olson, Office of the Colorado Attorney General

Guests Present:
Matthew Gentzler, Cosmo Beauty Academy;
Quyen, HQ Brows Academy;
Jill Berkana, Berkana Institute of Massage Therapy;
Carrie Lamb, ConnectED Education;
Andrew Beardall, RapidAscent;
Elizabeth Chitty Sandoval, Colorado School of Energy Studies;
Tess Cavellier, 160 Driving Academy;
Steve Gold, 160 Driving Academy;
Greg Mesek, 160 Driving Academy;
Yameris Middleton, General Assembly;

Dana Taulli, Colibri Group;
Nichol Andler, American Home Inspectors Training;
Karla Sandoval, Allure Academy;
Elizabeth Brake, Tech Elevator, Inc;
Sophie Fisher, Skilltrade;
Jessica Ford, Skilltrade;
Dallas Rasmussen, Oquirrh Mountain Phlebotomy School;
Kevin Van Bell, MedCerts;
Jennifer Mongan, Academy of Natural Therapy;
Margaret Rosenau, School of Inner Health;
Leslie Papa, School of Inner Health;
Amber Rodri, Elite Aesthetics Academy;
Erica Roybal, Elite Aesthetics Academy;
John Phifer, The Bartending School;
Enedina Beltran, The Bartending School;
Anupama Vaiday, Ayurved Sadhana;
Bharat Vaidya, Ayurved Sadhana;
Kearsty Bogenrief, The O'Hara School of Massage and Energy Therapies;
Jeff Miner, The New Colorado Outdoor Adventure Guide School;
Tracy Vroom, Rocky Mountain School of Animal Acupressure and Massage;
Victoria Everett, Luxury Cult;
Steve Panner, QS Academy;
Charles Wooster, Swift Driving Academy;
Ezekiel Jonathan, 360training.com dba Van Education Center;
Melissa Cannata, The CE Shop LLC;
Luz Perez, Rocky Mountain Bella Spa & Academy; and
Dr. Angie Paccione, Executive Director of Colorado Department of Higher Education

Call to Order:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Private Occupational Schools Board was called to order by Jessica Wagner, Vice-Chair, at 9:32 a.m. The Board members, Division staff, and guests were introduced. Board roll call was taken. A quorum was present for the Board meeting, but not for executive session, if needed.

Consideration of Approval of Minutes:

Following review and consideration of the May 27, 2025 regular and executive session minutes, Board member Smith motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

Additions / Changes to the Agenda:
COEO/Director Candler requested to remove Colorado Academy of Veterinary Technology from the agenda under Section C.

Other Business:

A. Legal Update

The Board's Counsel, Assistant Attorney General Paige Olson, updated the Board on the following legal matters and other business items listed on the Board's agenda:

1. Aplmed Academy (no action)

At its June 25, 2024 Board meeting, the Board voted to issue a Notice of Noncompliance and Nonrenewal for violations of the Bord's Act and Rules (providing shorter courses than required/approved, failure to track students' attendance or produce transcripts for students, enrollment agreement violations). The Notice was sent to Aplmed on July 1, 2024 and the school did not submit a response.

In July 2024, the Board voted to uphold the denial of the school's renewal application.

- The school timely requested a hearing on the denial.
- Counsel filed a notice of charges, as required, in October 2024.
- The school did not file an answer to the notice of charges.
- A hearing is set for September 29-30, 2025.

In March 2025, the Board voted to file a motion for default because the school did not submit an answer. Counsel for the Board filed the Motion for Default on May 16, 2025.

The Court entered default against Aplmed on May 30, 2025, which means that the allegations in the Notice of Charges are treated as admitted.

- The Court vacated the hearing in September 2025 based on the entry of default.
- Aplmed may only request the default judgment be set aside for "good cause."

2. Colorado Beauty College (no action)

In June 2024, the Board voted to issue a Notice of Noncompliance and Nonrenewal to Colorado Beauty College because the Division observed sanitation and hygiene violations at the school, failure to track student progress and maintain records, and failure to provide educational instruction to students. The school provided several records in response to the Notice, but many records were not provided or accounted for.

At its July 2024 meeting, the Board voted to deny the school's renewal application and summarily suspend the school's certificate of approval due to the health and safety conditions of the school.

- The summary suspension order was sent to the school on July 26, 2024.
- The school timely requested a hearing on the denial of its renewal application.
- The school subsequently withdrew its request for a hearing, making the school's non-renewal of the certificate of approval final.

In March 2025, the Board issued a subpoena for Colorado Beauty College's records, and some, but not all, requested records were provided in response.

In April 2025, the Board voted to file a complaint against Colorado Beauty College in district court seeking an order for the school to deposit all remaining student records and for civil penalties for failure to maintain and provide the Division with student records. Counsel filed the complaint with Arapahoe County District Court on June 23, 2025.

3. Ritually Rooted (no action)

At its February 2024 meeting, the Board voted to issue a Cease and Desist Order to Ritually Rooted for operating a private occupational school without Board approval. The school offers a program that trains students and issues certificates for holistic medicine practices. The school does not have an approved exemption to operate without a certificate of approval.

In October 2024, the Board voted to file a complaint for an injunction against Ritually Rooted that would require Ritually Rooted to stop operating without a certificate of approval (after the Division presented information that Ritually Rooted continued to operate after the Cease and Desist Order). In January 2025, Counsel filed a complaint for injunction with the district court in Delta County. The owner filed a motion to dismiss the Board's complaint, arguing Ritually Rooted is a faith-based organization and is therefore exempt from regulation by the Board. Counsel for the Board filed a response to the motion to dismiss, but Ritually Rooted did not reply to the Board's response.

On May 5, 2025, the Court issued an order denying Ritually Rooted's Motion to Dismiss, holding that there is not enough evidence at this time to determine whether Ritually Rooted is exempt from regulation by the Board.

Ritually Rooted filed an answer to the Board's complaint on May 22, 2025 (two days after the deadline set by the Court).

Counsel for the Board spoke with a clerk for the Court on June 5, 2025, and asked for a case management conference to discuss discovery and schedule the case for hearing.

- The case management conference is scheduled for July 8, 2025.
- The rules require that we file a proposed case management order with the Court by July 1, 2025.

Counsel provided initial disclosures to counsel for Ritually Rooted on June 20, 2025, which shows the evidence received and considered by the Board when the Board decided to request an injunction from the District Court.

4. Fadez Academy Barber College – No Action

At its February 2025 meeting, the Board considered information presented by the Division from a recent site visit performed as part of the Board's terms for conditional approval of the School. The Division presented information that the School owner stated he had an apprentice, although he was not approved by CDLE to offer apprenticeships.

- After discussion at the Board meeting, the Board determined the School owner may have been using the term "apprentice" in a different manner than the term is used by CDLE, and instead only had an individual perform job shadowing.
- The Board voted to issue a notice of noncompliance to the School to get more information from the School, as well as extended the School's conditional approval. The School's provisional certificate of approval remains valid for another year.

In February 2025, the Board voted to:

- Extend a condition on the school's provisional certificate of approval which requires the Division to perform 1 additional site visit to the school location in the next 6 months, and
- Issue a Notice of Noncompliance, requesting that the school confirm it will cooperate with future requests and visits performed by the Division pursuant to its oversight authority, as directed by the Board.

Fadez provided a response to the Notice of Noncompliance issued on March 27, 2025, but did not confirm it would cooperate in future site visits or requests for documentation from the Division and Board.

At its April 2025 meeting, Fadez indicated it no longer wished to be regulated by the Board. The Board voted to table the decision about whether to take further action against the school's provisional certificate of approval to the May 2025 meeting, pending a notice by the school that it planned to close its education and training operations.

Fadez did not notify the Division that it would like to close out its private occupational school. Fadez did request the Division approve a release of the surety bond that the school is required to maintain at all times, and the Division responded that it would notify the bond company to release the bond after the school confirmed it planned to close. The Division did not hear from the school since that time.

During the May 2025 Board meeting, the school owner submitted a letter of his intent to voluntarily surrender the certificate for his school to the Division. He also submitted a letter raising issues related to last month's meeting and requested forensic video analysis of the March meeting.

The Division received notice of claim from Fadez on June 20, 2025, to notify the Division and Board that Fadez alleges an injury due to the Board and Division's actions. This notice is a requirement for any school that intends to take legal action. The School alleges injuries for the Board and Division failing to take an oath of office, improper imposition of conditions on the provisional certificate of approval, and improper acceptance of the School's notice of voluntary surrender. Counsel will provide updates as necessary on this legal matter.

5. <u>Skin Addict – No Action</u>

In October 2024, the Board voted to issue a Notice of Noncompliance to Skin Addict due to reports that the school was allowing students to pay for and take advanced courses before the school was approved to offer the courses and before the students had an esthetician license.

- The school's response to the Notice showed substantial deficiencies in the School's recordkeeping related to students' progress in the course, transcripts, and attendance.

At its January 2025 meeting, the Board voted to file a notice of charges to initiate the hearing process to revoke Skin Addict's certificate of approval.

At its February 2025 meeting, the Board voted to summarily suspend the school's certificate of approval due to reports that the school (a) continued to allow unlicensed students to take advanced courses and perform advanced services on members of the public, and (b) was actively asking

students to sign new enrollment agreements and retake advanced courses in anticipation of discipline from the Board.

The Board issued an Order of Summary Suspension on March 7, 2025. A hearing is set for September 8-11, 2025, to determine whether to revoke Skin Addict's certificate of approval.

Skin Addict submitted a settlement offer to the Board prior to the Board's March 2025 meeting. The Board has approved a counteroffer to Skin Addict in May 2025 with alternate terms to resolve the case.

Skin Addict's counsel responded to the Board's settlement offer and requested mediation to discuss the primary outstanding issue in the case – ownership / continued operation of Skin Addict. Skin Addict agreed in principle to the Board's terms other than the term requiring sale of Skin Addict. Mediation is scheduled for June 30, 2025, and Chair Stevens will attend as a Board representative (given her experience in the relevant field).

Skin Addict agreed to move forward with organizing retraining for students who took Skin Addict's advanced courses.

- Instructors from Aveda agreed to go to Skin Addict's location in Grand Junction to offer retraining in late July/early August and late August. Aveda will provide retraining opportunities on 2 occasions for eyelash extensions and 1 occasion each for manual and chemical exfoliation.
- The Division has reached out to inform the students of the retraining options for advanced courses. Students have until July 10, 2025, to specify whether they plan to attend retraining or wait for a refund.

5. Turing School of Software and Design – Action Necessary

On April 4, 2025, Turing was issued a Notice Letter to inform the school (1) its certificate of approval was suspended "by operation of law" since Turing did not have a surety in place for its students, and (2) the school needed to cease operations immediately until Turing obtained required surety coverage.

On April 4, 2025, the Board voted to intervene in a District Court case between Turing and its landlord to recover surety funds for Turing's students that Turing reported had been garnished by the District Court.

- After the Board filed its motions in the District Court case, the Division recovered the full amount of the surety funds from Bellco.
- Bellco provided its own funds to cover the amount of surety funds Turing and Bellco agreed to hold in the Certificate of Deposit at Bellco.

At its April 2025 meeting, the Board discussed:

- Statements made to the Board by the Turing Executive Director, Jeff Casimir, about his communications with students regarding the school's operations and train-out/refunds,
- The money received by the Division from Bellco for Turing's students, and
- Information that Casimir submitted falsified bank statements in 2024 and 2025 to demonstrate continued surety coverage at Bellco.

- The Board directed Casimir to cease communications with students and former students at Turing to prevent additional confusion.

At its April 2025 meeting, the Board voted to:

- Issue an Order of Summary Suspension to Turing and Casimir,
- Revoke Turing's certificate of approval and deny its pending renewal application,
- Withdraw from the District Court case between Turing and its landlord.

On May 2, 2025, the Division issued a Cease and Desist Order to Turing and Jeff based on the Board's previous directions to Turing, ordering Turing, again, to cease operations.

The Board issued the Order of Summary Suspension to Turing on May 14, 2025.

At its May 2025 meeting, the Board discussed that Turing had not ceased operations as directed on multiple occasions and graduated a group of students from its program on May 1, 2025. Turing also kept and used students' personal living loans issued by Sallie Mae.

- The Board voted to issue a Cease and Desist Order to Jeff Casimir to order he stop operating an unapproved private occupational school because Casimir reported to the Board that the continued training of former Turing students was independent from Turing.
- The Board voted to request the district court issue a temporary restraining order to further support the Board's instruction that Turing and Casimir needed to stop continued operations.

Counsel issued a Cease and Desist Order to Casimir on June 12, 2025.

Counsel filed the Notice of Charges against Turing and Casimir on June 16, 2025, to initiate the administrative hearing process to revoke Turing's certificate of approval and Casimir's agent's permit. A setting conference is scheduled for July 10, 2025. Casimir has contacted Counsel for the Board to discuss resolution of the administrative case through a stipulated agreement.

The Division is in the final stages of assessing refunds for students and notified students of their projected refunds the week of June 12-16, 2025. The Division plans to issue students refund checks by mid-July.

6. <u>Springs Truck Driving School (Denver County District Court) – Action Available</u>

On June 30, 2023, Springs Truck Driving School ceased operations after the Board denied its renewal application.

In March 2024, the Board voted to issue 1) a subpoena for remaining student records, and 2) a letter demanding the school stop advertising on its website that it was regulated by the Board.

- The school provided some, but not all, required student records to the Division.
- The records showed the school received Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding for its students without prior Board approval.
- In August 2024, at the instruction of the Board, Counsel filed a complaint in District Court asking the court to order the school to cease unlawful operations, produce all of its records and assess a fine against the school.

- The Complaint was served on the school in November 2024. The school did not respond to the Complaint.
- Counsel for the Board asked the court to find in favor of the Board since the school didn't answer (motion for default).
- The Court entered judgment against the school on February 24, 2025, and ordered the school:
  - to stop operating without a certificate of approval from the Board,
  - to deposit any remaining records by March 26, 2025 (and authorized the Division to seize the school's records if not produced), and
  - to pay civil penalties in the amount of $110,200.

The school did not produce additional records to the Division or make any payment towards the civil penalty assessed against the school.

The school still has not produced additional student records or paid the civil penalties ordered by the Court.

The Division received information confirming the school continues to operate in a manner that requires a certificate of approval (i.e., the school is accepting self-pay students, rather than only allowing students whose training is funded through the students' employer).

Board member Smith motioned to request the Court find Springs Truck Driving in contempt of the Court's February order for continuing to operate a school without a certificate of approval. The motion was seconded and carried.

Director / Staff Report

- COEO/Director Candler reported that this is the last meeting of the fiscal year renewal cycle and congratulated the entire team for their hard work to get all schools renewed as required by Statute.
- COEO/Director Candler reported that this is Board member Nash's last Board meeting as he has served his entire term and thanked him for his service to the Board. The Division is searching for a new Board member and is open to any suggestions for possible candidates to serve.
- COEO/Director Candler reported that this is Compliance Investigator Combs' last Board meeting as she will leaving the Division to return to school and we wish her all the best in her new endeavors. This is one of our key positions and Colorado is a model for private occupational school oversight due to our very strong investigative background.
- COEO/Director Candler announced that Annual Filings will be opening on July 1, 2025, and are due by July 31, 2025 for all in-state schools. The accurate reporting of graduates allows the Division to provide valuable information to the legislature and other agencies.

New Business/Action Items:

A. Consideration of Approval of Provisional Certificate

1. ConnnectED Education – Golden - AB

Program Specialist Bentz presented to the Board for review and consideration of a Provisional School Application to Operate including 10 stand-alone courses: Balanced Body Apparatus 1, 2, and 3, Balance Body Mat 1, 2, and 3, Balanced Body Reformer 1, 2, and 3, and Balanced Body Movement Principles and three programs: Comprehensive Pilates Teacher Training, Pilates Mat Teacher Training, and Pilates Reformer Instructor Training. A school representative was present. A site visit was completed. The Board determined that the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration, Board member Hash motioned to approve the Provisional Certificate effective July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The motion was seconded and carried.

2. The O'Hara School of Massage and Energy Therapies – Buena Vista – MR

Program Specialist Recinos presented to the Board for review and consideration of a Provisional School Application to Operate including one program: Massage Therapy Program and four stand-alone courses: Fascial Therapy Specialist, Philosophies of Energy Therapies, Sound Therapy Certificate, and Therapeutic Touch. A school representative was present. A site visit was completed. The Board determined that the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration, Board member Smith motioned to approve the Provisional Certificate effective July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The motion was seconded and carried.

B Consideration of Approval of Out-of-State Provisional Certificate

1. Skilltrade – Gross Pointe Woods, MI - BE

Program Specialist Assistant Esquibel presented to the Board for review and consideration of an Out-of-State Provisional School Application to Operate. A school representative was present. The school is approved by the home state of Michigan to operate.

Following review and consideration, Board member Hash motioned to approve the Provisional Certificate effective July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. The motion was seconded and carried.

C. Consideration of Approval of Renewal

1. 160 Driving Academy – Commerce City - AB

Program Specialist Bentz presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Hash motioned to conditionally approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028, with the requirement for the school to submit year-to-date financial reports on a quarterly basis to show financial stability. The motion was seconded and carried.

2. Mbition LLC dba American Home Inspectors Training -Greenwood Village - AB

Program Specialist Bentz presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Smith motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

3. The New Colorado Outdoor Adventure Guide School – Collbran - AB

Program Specialist Bentz presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Hash motioned to conditionally approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028 with the requirement to update and submit enrollment agreement to the Division. The motion was seconded and carried.

4. ZICT LLC dba Zoe Innovation Cloud Technology – Denver – AB

Program Specialist Bentz presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Smith motioned to conditionally approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028, with the requirement for the school to submit year-to-date financial reports on a quarterly basis to show financial stability. The motion was seconded and carried.

5. Academy of Natural Therapy – Greeley - KS

Program Specialist Solis presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Hash motioned to conditionally approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028, with the requirement for the school to archive the 500 and 600-hour massage therapy programs. The motion was seconded and carried.

6. Colorado School of Energy Studies – Boulder – KS

Program Specialist Solis presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Smith motioned to conditionally approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028, with the requirement for the school to submit updated enrollment agreement, catalog, and advertising showing the 350-hour program. The motion was seconded and carried.

7. RapidAscent – Colorado Springs – KS

Program Specialist Solis presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. Deputy Director Kanaly presented a summary of issues with the application including:

1. The practice of co-enrolling students in RapidAscent and CityU Seattle with students receiving their credential from CityU;
2. The ownership structure of the school identifying a new entity with majority controlling interest which was submitted to DPOS just last week; and
3. Tuition reimbursement program identified, and agreement uploaded on application is not actually an employer agreement for tuition reimbursement.

Following discussion with the school owners about these issues, Board member Smith motioned to issue a notice of noncompliance and nonrenewal for RapidAscent. The motion was seconded and carried.

8. Rocky Mountain Bella Spa & Academy – Glenwood Springs - KS

Program Specialist Solis presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Smith motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

9. School of Inner Health – Denver - KS

Program Specialist Solis presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Hash motioned to conditionally approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30,

2028 with the requirement to update catalog, enrollment agreement, and advertising to reflect the training appropriately. The motion was seconded and carried.

10. Western States College of Construction – Denver - KS

Program Specialist Sollis presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Smith motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

11. Yulia Meoded PMU Academy LLC – Greenwood Village – KS

Program Specialist Sollis presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Smith motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

12. Ayurved Sadhana Vidyalaya – Superior - MR

Program Specialist Recinos presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Smith motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

At this time, Board member Hash motioned for a 10-minute recess. The motion was seconded and carried.

13. Colorado Academy of Veterinary Technology – Colorado Springs - MR

Renewal application was withdrawn from consideration by the school today.

14. Oquirrh Mountain Phlebotomy School – Colorado Springs - MR

Program Specialist Recinos presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board

determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Smith motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

15. Oquirrh Mountain Phlebotomy School – Englewood – MR

Program Specialist Recinos presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Smith motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

16. Rocky Mountain School of Animal Acupressure and Massage – Longmont - MR

Program Specialist Recinos presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Hash motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

Board member Hash motioned to rescind previous motion. The motion was seconded and carried.

Board member Hash motioned to conditionally approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028, with the requirement for the school to submit year-to-date financial reports on a quarterly basis to show financial stability. The motion was seconded and carried.

17. The Bartending School – Denver - MR

Program Specialist Recinos presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Hash motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

18. Vail Valley Dental Assisting School – Eagle – MR

Program Specialist Recinos presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Hash motioned to conditionally approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028, with the requirement for the school to submit year-to-date financial reports on a quarterly basis to show financial stability. The motion was seconded and carried.

19. Allure Academy – Gypsum – RA

Program Specialist Acosta presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Smith motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

20. Avalon Institute – Aurora - RA

Program Specialist Acosta presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Hash motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

21. Berkana Institute of Massage Therapy - Longmont - RA

Program Specialist Acosta presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Smith motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

22. HQ Brows Academy – Lakewood - RA

Program Specialist Acosta presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Smith motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

23. Luxury Cult LLC - Evans - RA

Program Specialist Acosta presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Smith motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

24. MANA Collaborative Beauty Studio + Training Center – Highlands Ranch - RA

Program Specialist Acosta presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Smith motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

25. NuAge Para-Medical Esthetics & Laser College - Englewood - RA

Program Specialist Acosta presented to the Board for review and consideration renewal of the school's Certificate of Approval. A school representative was present. A site visit was conducted. The Board determined the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration of the renewal, Board member Hash motioned to approve the Standard Certificate of Approval for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028. The motion was seconded and carried.

E. Consideration of Approval of Out of State Renewals

Program Specialist Assistant Esquibel presented to the Board for review and consideration of the following out-of-state school renewal applications which were read into the record by Deputy Director Kanaly:

1. 360Training.com dba Van Education Center – Austin, TX
2. Aceable Real Estate School – Austin, TX
3. Appraisal Institute – Chicago, IL
4. Colibri Real Estate – St. Louis, MO
5. General Assembly – New York, NY
6. Intelvio Medical Training – Lindon, UT
7. Life Time Academy – Chanhassen, MN
8. McKissock, LLC – Warren, PA
9. MedCerts, LLC – Livonia, MI
10. OCL Financial Services dba OnCourse Learning – St. Louis, MO
11. QS Academy – Austin, TX
12. Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology – Inglewood, CA
13. Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology – Riverside, CA
14. Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology – Tulsa, OK
15. Swift Driving Academy – West Valley City, UT
16. Tech Elevator – Cleveland, OH
17. Tulsa Welding School – Jacksonville, FL
18. Tulsa Welding School – Tulsa, OK
19. WyoTech – Laramie, WY

The Board determined that the schools have adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration, Board member Smith motioned to approve renewal of the previously listed out-of-state schools effective July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. The motion was seconded and carried.

C. Consideration of New Program(s)/Stand-Alone or Major Revisions

1. Heritage School of Interior Design – Denver - KS

Program Specialist Solis presented to the Board for review and consideration of a major revision to the Kitchen and Bath Design stand-alone course. A school representative was present. The Board determined that the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration, Board member Hash motioned to approve the major revision to the previously mentioned stand-alone course effective June 24, 2025. The motion was seconded and carried.

2. VKMD Institute of Medical Aesthetics – Colorado Springs – KS

Program Specialist Solis presented to the Board for review and consideration of a new stand-alone course: Classic Eyelash Extensions & Lash Lift-Brow Lamination Class. A school representative was present. The Board determined that the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration, Board member Smith motioned to approve the new previously mentioned course effective June 24, 2025. The motion was seconded and carried.

3. Elite Aesthetics Academy – Denver – RA

Program Specialist Acosta presented to the Board for review and consideration of a new stand-alone course: Eyelash Extensions Course. A school representative was present. The Board determined that the school has adequate surety coverage and can maintain compliance with the minimum standards as prescribed by the Private Occupational Education Act of 1981, as amended.

Following review and consideration, Board member Hash motioned to approve the new previously mentioned course effective June 24, 2025. The motion was seconded and carried.

F. Closures (no action)

1. Bloom Institute of Technology

The school has not enrolled students at this location since the date of closure on 06/02/2025. This is an out-of-state school, and all student records will be maintained by their home state.

2. McIver Real Estate School

The school has not enrolled students at this location since the date of closure on 06/02/2025. This school was run by the owners of Colorado Real Estate School who will maintain the student records.

Adjournment:

Board member Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. and will be held via the web conference application, Zoom; meeting details will be posted on the Division's website: highered.colorado.gov/dpos.