

# Board of Cosmetology

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## ❖ *Mission and philosophy.*

The Board of Cosmetology will develop rules setting uniform and reasonable standards of competency for the practice and teaching of cosmetology; administer board examinations; inspect establishments for proper licensure and sanitation; initiate and conduct investigations, hearings and proceedings concerning violations of the Cosmetology Act and rules and regulations of the board; apply disciplinary action when necessary; determine fees; and employ an executive director and additional staff as necessary.

## ❖ *Results of outcomes.*

The board administered six board examinations, whereby 196 examinees were tested; inspected 636 salons and 10 schools; revised sanitation rules to meet national standards; rewrote the cosmetology curriculum to better meet the needs of the industry; and investigated 10 complaints, with no formal disciplinary action taken.

A problem area is lack of authority to administer appropriate disciplinary action (i.e. levy fines or otherwise discipline) for matters where a full administrative hearing is determined unnecessary, particularly with regard to violation of sanitation rules.

## ❖ *Strategic plan changes*

The board will continue to upgrade the record keeping and licensure process; implement a better record system concerning student records and school reports; continue to expand on the newsletter to keep the industry better informed; and address the issues facing the licensees concerning scope of practice, safety and sanitation and consumer awareness.

### **General information**

Betty Abernethy, Executive Director

### **Agency contact**

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### **Year established**

1939

### **Statutory references**

W.S. 33-12-119 through 33-12-140

### **Number of authorized personnel**

One full time, one part time

### **Organizational structure**

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### **Clients served**

Licensed cosmetologists, manicurists, estheticians, schools and salons

### **Budget information**

\$82,735.00

### **Agency to which group reports**

Department of Administration and Information

### **Number of members:**

Five

### **Meeting frequency**

Four meetings each year are required by law; normally a minimum of six are held each year.