

**CERTIFICATION FOR MEETING
DURING GUBERNATORIALLY DECLARED EMERGENCY
VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCE**

In accordance with La. R.S. 42:17.1 as enacted by Act 302 (2020) and due to the current public health emergency declared by Governor John Bel Edwards in Executive Proclamation 25 JBE 2020 issued on March 11, 2020 in response to the threat posed by COVID 19 and extended by Executive Proclamation 117 JBE 2020 issued on September 11, 2020 due to the continuation of the statewide public health emergency effective until Friday, October 9, 2020, unless terminated sooner, in my capacity as the presiding officer of the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology I hereby certify:

1) An in-person meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology conducted in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law would be detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the public;

2) The agenda for the October 5, 2020 Board meeting is limited to matters, which if delayed, will cause serious curtailment of vital public services or severe economic dislocation and hardship and matters critical to continuation of the business of the Board that are not able to be postponed to a meeting held in accordance with the other provisions of the Open Meetings Law due to a legal requirement or other deadline that cannot be postponed or delayed.

3) Proclamation Number 117 JBE 2020, limits public gatherings to not more than 50% of capacity in any single indoor space at the same time and requires social distancing of six feet apart from individuals who are not immediate household members. The Board is composed of eight members and would likely have a total indoor crowd at the meeting, including staff and public that would exceed the capacity of the available room space limitations.

Considering the foregoing, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17.1, the October 5, 2020 meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology will be conducted at 9:00 a.m. via video conference and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public as set forth in the notice of such meeting posted on the Board's website.

October 1, 2020.



Edwin Neill, Chairman

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